

The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

9-13-82

Illuminating exhibit

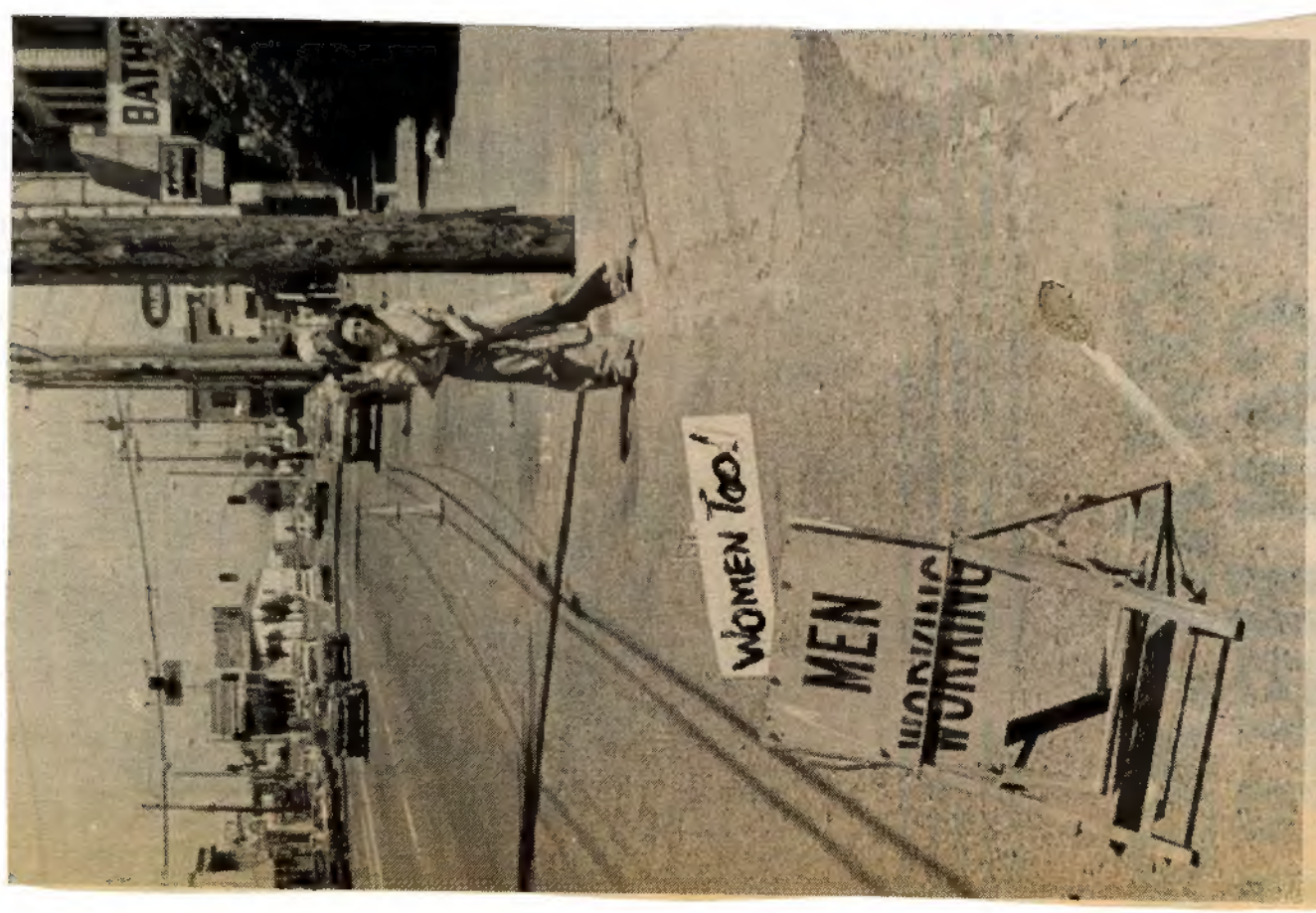
Alisa Schue of Vancouver, Wash., explored the inside of the Fresnel lens displayed at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Fort Canby State Park last week, fascinated by the shifting patterns of light.

The lens was built in France in 1822 and first used in Atlantic Coast lighthouses. It was installed in the Cape Disappointment, Wash., lighthouse Oct. 15, 1856, and was moved to the North Head lighthouse in 1898. It was replaced by an electric flashing light in 1937.

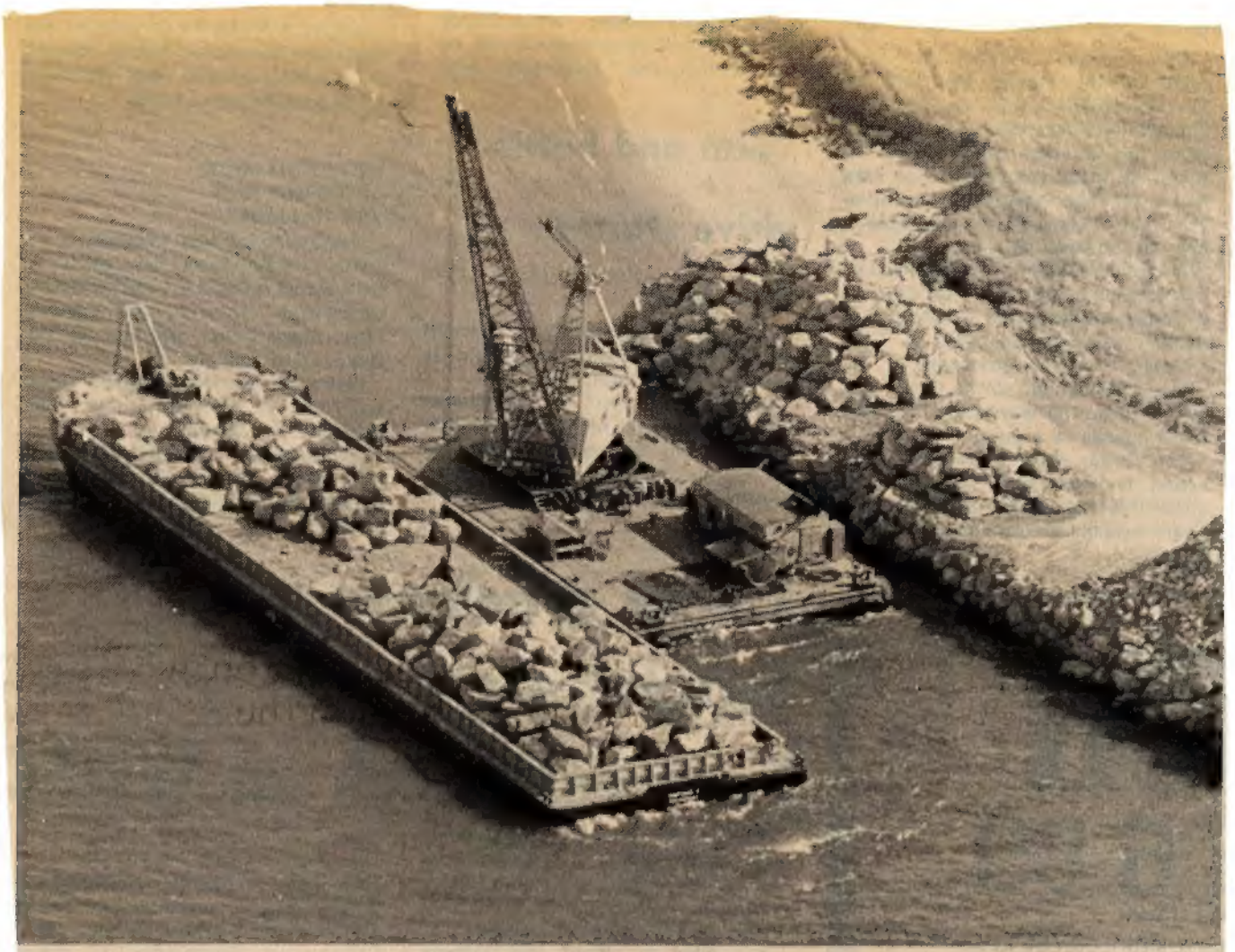
The lens is part of a display about Pacific Ocean shipwrecks and navigation aids at the Long Beach Peninsula interpretive center.

June, July and August visitor counts at the center were up nearly 11 percent this year, compared with the same period last year, an employee said. It is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sept. 30.

Last year the center was open weekends in the winter, but budget cuts have ended that this year. It will be open by appointment for group tours, however. For information about group tours, call (206) 642-3078.



..Lori Mayfield of Astoria modified the sign she was working by to include the four women in the seven person RCA-Ceta crew that was working on West Marine Drive in Astoria this week. Seven projects are being coordinated around the county. The Astoria Chamber of Commerce sponsored this cleanup of streets and sidewalks. Col. Pun 7/23



..The 6.6 to 10 ton rocks used in the repair of the South Jetty are barged to a crane that transfers them to trucks that will complete the haul down the jetty. About 30 workers are employed by Bohemia Inc. in a $3.4 million contract to repair a mile-long section of the jetty. The project must be completed by Oct. 15, but the construction crew is now nearing the knuckle where repairs will end. The greatest deterioration of the jetty is at the knuckle, and Bohemia will use 13 to 25-ton rock in that area. Col. Press 7/23

Northern Tier invited

Chronicle Press 7/23

Local governments and agencies are inviting the Northern Tier Pipeline to locate in Astoria.

A letter recently sent from Dale Collins, president of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, to William Sage, president of the Northern Tier pipeline, proposed the company consider Astoria.

The letter touted Astoria as an ideal terminus for a pipeline to the midwest that would pump oil shipped from Alaska in supertankers.

The Northern Tier project was originally proposed for the eastern edge of Puget Sound.

Pressure from environmental groups concerned about supertanker traffic in Puget Sound finally resulted in Washington's governor John Spellman rejecting the proposal.

Collins' letter says that Astoria views the possibility of a pipeline an asset to the community.

The Port of Astoria Commission Tuesday voted to endorse Collins' letter. Commissioners noted that the Clatsop County government had given a similar endorsement.

After Washington rejected the pipeline, a Portland television station reported Gov. Vic Atiyeh met in Portland with representatives in Northern Tier.

The station reported the governor and company representatives discussed Oregon as an alternative to the rejected Washington route.

Events list prepared

9/29/82

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing a list of community events scheduled for this winter and next year; the list will be provided to Northwest publications.

The chambler already has information on the Fastelavnsfest (Danish Mardi Gras), Great Astoria Crab Feed, Scoutcapades, Timber Carnival, Maritime Week, Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, hydroplane races, Six Pac sailboat races, Clatsop County Fair, Astoria Regatta, Great Columbia River Crossing, Lucia Festival of Lights and the Fort Clatsop living history program.

The chamber is seeking information on other events which draw people to Astoria.

Those with information about events to be added to the list can call the chamber, 325-6311.

State visitor count rises

10-10-82

SALEM (UPI) — September visitor counts at Oregon's six border information centers combined showed a 6 percent increase when compared to the same month in 1981.

Figures released by state travel officials Friday showed increases at five of the six centers led by Brookings' 25 percent rise. A 13 percent increase ws logged at the Astoria center on the other end of the Oregon coast and a 10 percent jump was registered at the Siskiyou center on Interstate 5 south of Ashland.

The other plus marks were at Portland, up 6 percent, and at Ontario, up 2 percent.

The decrease was at the Klamath Center on Highway 97 south of Klamath Falls. Officials said much of the 26 percent decline there is believed to be the result of traffic delays caused by area highway construction.

The September increases brought the vistor totals for June to September to just above the 1981 count for the four-month period.

More than 220,000 visitors stopped at the six centers since mid-May.

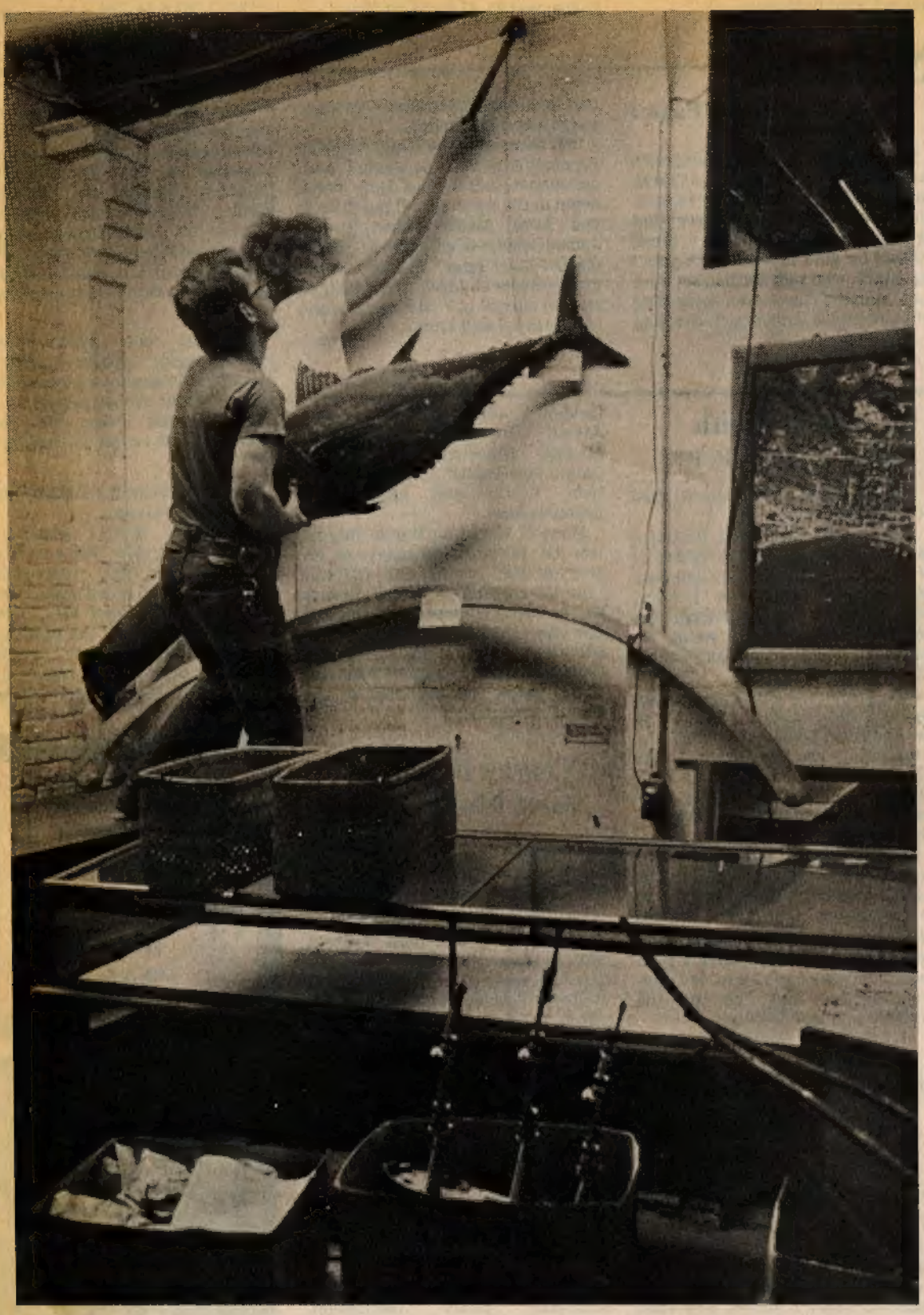
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THE TRAVEL INFORMATION SECTION of the Oregon Department of Transportation says visitor counts at the six state border information centers were up 7 percent Sept. 6-19 compared with the same period last year.

The Astoria center reported a 9 percent increase during the period. The center is in the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce office at the port docks.

The Siskiyou center south of Ashland on Interstate 5 and the Brookings center on Highway 101 both had 23 percent increases. Counts in the Portland center near Jantzen Beach on Interstate 5 were up 8 percent and counts at the Ontario center on Interstate 84 were up 5 percent. The only drop was at the Klamath center south of Klamath Falls, where construction-caused delays on Highway 97 were to blame, the travel information agency said.

9-28-82





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Historical projects

It's a busy time at the Flavel House Museum.

While workers from Duoos and Son Construction of Astoria repair the nearly 100-year-old mansion's foundation, museum employees Carol Whitaker and Earl Galindo, left, are removing many of the museum's exhibits so they can be displayed at the new Clatsop County Heritage Center in the old Astoria City Hall building at 16th and Exchange streets.

The Clatsop County Historical Society has leased the building for additional display space and administrative offices so the Flavel house can be furnished as a single period piece.

10/6/82

Public gratitude

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization which responds to a variety of community needs and interests, and one which offers hospitality to persons visiting the city of Astoria and the surrounding area. During the past year, many community-minded persons have volunteered to help the chamber welcome visitors in many ways—as "ambassadors" of Astoria and assistants in the chamber office, tour guides for visiting groups, stuffing envelopes, addressing brochures, publicity and public relations mailings, preparing an up-to-date list of events and a roster of civic and fraternal organizations, and as hosts/hostesses for community functions and special events.

Volunteers also work on special projects such as the Clatsop County State Fair booth and entertainment for the passengers on the cruise ship, designing the banner for the last farewell of the Fairsea, the many appearances of the various Scandinavian dance groups and the "Local Yokels" dance band, and the lively band which greeted the cruise ship at each arrival throughout the summer with musicians from Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton high schools, from Clatsop Community College, and Astoria Middle School. These are the willing, enthusiastic people who decorate the chamber office for the holidays through the year, and who prepare and serve the refreshments offered at holiday "treat tables" in the chamber office.

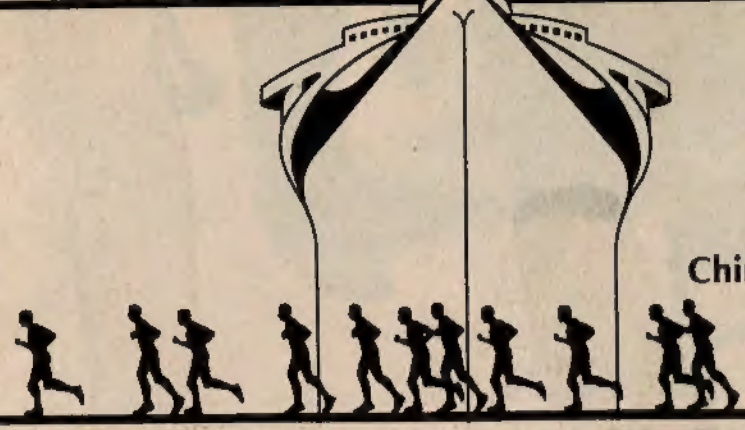
These many helpful people provide an aura that is friendly and welcoming, encouraging visitors to return another time to enjoy further the gracious and historic atmosphere that is Astoria. There is such a lengthy list that it is almost impossible to remember and include every person who has worked with the chamber in an individual "thank you" message, therefore, we want to take this opportunity offered by the Open Forum to publicly express our gratitude and most sincere appreciation for the many services rendered by these volunteer ambassadors.

Board of Directors
ASTORIA AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

10-13-82

DON'T MISS IT . . .

GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING



Saturday,

October 16, 1982

11:00 A.M.

Chinook Park, Washington

to Astoria, Oregon

EVERYONE INVITED . . .

- Watch the runners cross the finish line at the Port Docks starting about 11:30 AM Saturday, Oct. 16.
- Enjoy delicious clam chowder with roll for only $1.50 at the Fairgrounds starting at 2:30 PM.
- Live music and dancing at the Fairgrounds
- Beer Garden
- Race results will be available at the Fairgrounds
- See the awards presentation ceremony at the Fairgrounds.

An accurately measured 8.5 mile interstate road race over the Astoria Bridge. Starts at Chinook Park on the Washington side of the river and finishes at the Astoria Port Docks.

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10-13-82

1,000 sign up for bridge race

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

More than 1,000 runners have registered for the first Great Columbia Crossing road race Saturday.

Jim Durham, Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce manager, said Tuesday that entrants ranged from 12 to 79. About one-quarter are women, he said. The race is limited to about 1,000 runners because of traffic control problems.

The 8.5-mile run will begin 11 a.m. in Chinook, Wash. The course follows Highway 101 east to the Astoria Bridge, crosses the 4.1-mile bridge and finishes in front of the chamber office at the port docks. It is sponsored by Nike Inc., the chamber's Committee to Promote Astoria and the Port of Astoria.

Race Director Rich Fencsak said entries have come from throughout the Northwest and include a number of runners from the Seattle area. "There will be some good runners in the race," Fencsak said.

HE EXPECTS THE winner to average about a 5-minute mile pace and finish in 40 to 43 minutes. All runners are expected to be across the finish line within about two hours.

During the race, the eastbound lane of Highway 101 from Chinook Park to the bridge and the southbound lane on the bridge will be closed to vehicles. Pilot cars will lead vehicles past the runners.

"The traffic control plan is amazingly intricate," Fencsak said. "The course will be extremely closely monitored and there should be no problems for runners."

Race organizers had to secure permission for the run from the state highway departments of Oregon and Washington and from the Pacific County road department.

ABOUT 150 VOLUNTEERS will help put on the race, Fencsak said. The Peninsula Radio Club will provide communication between pilot cars and traffic control officials. Sheriff's deputies from Clatsop and Pacific counties and Astoria police officers will assist, Fencsak said.

Runners may pick up race packets Friday until 9 p.m. and Saturday morning before the race at the chamber office, he said. Shuttle buses will take registered runners from the port docks to the starting line at Chinook Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

An awards ceremony, chowder feed and beer garden will begin at 4 p.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. A band will entertain and the event will be open to the public.

Columbia Memorial Hospital will provide nurses, doctors and emergency vehicles during the race, Fencsak said. Crystal Spring Water of Hillsboro is providing water at aid stations along the route and at the finish. In addition, a number of local businesses have donated materials, including Hauke's Sentry Market, Van Dusen Beverages and Columbia Fruit and Produce. Somers Grove & Co. has contributed money to put on the race; its Astoria representative, Gene Guiberson, will be master of ceremonies at the awards ceremony.

Fencsak said volunteers still are needed to help with the race. For information, call Fencsak at home, 325-5301, or the chamber office, 325-6311.

Some racers not listed

10/19/82

There's a reason for some names of area runners being omitted from the list of those published Monday in the Great Columbia Crossing race story.

Home towns weren't listed in the official race results furnished The Daily Astorian, except in three instances, women's division winner Mary Russell, Taisto Ojala in the male 60 and over group and George Oja in the male 30-39 division.

The top overall finishers in the race were able to be questioned briefly as to home town or school but in most instances area runners of high school or college age and older were known by Daily Astorian sports editor Grady Pannell.

Grade school names weren't as recognizable, however. But one runner who believes his name should be familiar is 14-year-old Vince Stamper of Seaside's Broadway School. The youth placed ninth in Saturday's 12-19 division, time of 57.30, and he also won in his age group in the recent Haystack Rock Run.

"He runs in most local races," said his mother, Pamela Stamper, Olney school librarian.

There was also another Broadway boy running, Dave Dodson, who placed 16th. His time wasn't listed.

Three generations race

10/19/82

A father-son or mother-daughter, or combination thereof, is nothing unusual for runners.

But three generations in the same race?

That was a first in the first Great Columbia Crossing 8.5 mile road-bridge race held here Saturday under less than favorable weather conditions.

The relatives of Astorian Martha Bechtolt represented three generations running, beginning with Frank Grey, who won the 60 and over age group, son Larry in the 40-49 group and grandson Brian Gray, 15, in the 12-19 division.

Frank Grey is Mrs. Bechtolt's brother-in-law. He moved from Astoria to the Bremerton, Wash., area when the U.S. Navy base at Tongue Point was phased out in the early 1960s.

Larry Grey, who has just turned 40, is an Astoria High School graduate and teaches and coaches at Estacada.

Frank Grey was also first place winner in his age division at the recent Seaside Beach Run.

Bugas, Hanlon to speak

10/19/82

The candidates for the Oregon Senate District 1 seat will speak Thursday at a joint luncheon meeting of the Clatsop County League of Women Voters and the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce.

The noon meeting will be in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant in Astoria.

Charles Hanlon, D-Mountaindale, is the District 1 incumbent. He is being challenged by state Rep. Ted Bugas, R-Astoria, who is giving up his Oregon House seat to run for the Senate.

Thursday's luncheon is open to the public. For chamber members holding season tickets, the luncheon will count as a regularly scheduled forum luncheon. To make a luncheon reservation, call the chamber office, 325-6311, or Kay Fackler, 861-1779.

Museum, winery on TV show

10-19-82

Two Astoria attractions will be featured on a Portland television show Wednesday evening.

The Shallon Winery, 1598 Duane St., and the Columbia River Maritime Museum will make up two of the four segments of KATU's "Faces and Places" show at 7 p.m. on Channel 2.

Cameramen from the Portland station's local feature show will offer viewers a quick tour of the museum's new building, and talk with museum officials.

Paul Vanderveldt's Shallon Winery will get similar treatment in another segment.

'No' on Measure 3

10/28/82

At its regular meeting on Oct. 20, the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously voted to urge the citizens of Astoria to cast a "no" vote on Ballot Measure 3.

It is the carefully considered opinion of this body that passage of Measure 3 would result in the loss of control in local government functions which are being exercised to the benefit of the citizens of Astoria.

DALE COLLINS
President
Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce

State House race kicks off forums

10/7/82

Three public forums have been scheduled by the Clatsop County League of Women Voters for candidates in the Nov. 2 general election.

The noon luncheon meetings will be in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant in Astoria. They begin Thursday. Other forum dates are Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. The $5 cost includes lunch.

Thursday's opening forum will feature candidates for the District 2 state House of Representatives seat. Cannon Beach lawyer Tom Hanlon is the Democratic nominee for the post. The Republican candidate is Doug Kay, who lives in the Lewis and Clark area south of Astoria and works for Far West Federal Savings. District 2 includes all of Clatsop County and all parts of Washington and Columbia counties.

Hanlon and Kay seek to succeed Ted Bugas, who is challenging Charles Hanlon of Mountaindale for the District 2 state Senate position.

The Senate candidates will appear at the Oct. 21 forum. District 1 includes all of Clatsop and Columbia counties and western, rural Washington County. Hanlon is a two-term veteran of the Senate. Bugas is a three-term veteran of the House.

Astoria mayoral candidates, Clatsop County treasurer candidates and the Republican and Democratic nominees for Clatsop County Commissioner Position No. 1 are scheduled for the Oct. 28 meeting. Independent and write-in candidates won't be included in the forums.

THE TRAVEL INFORMATION SECTION of the Oregon Department of Transportation said visitor counts at the state's six border information centers were up 6 percent last month compared with September 1981 totals.

The Astoria center, operated by the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, reported a 13 percent increase. The Brookings center on Highway 101 logged a 25 percent increase, the Siskiyou center on Interstate 5 south of Ashland a 10 percent increase, the Jantzen Beach center on Interstate 5 a 6 percent increase, and the Ontario center on Interstate 84 a 2 percent increase, the agency reported.

Only the Klamath center on U.S. 97 south of Klamath Falls showed a drop; the count there was off 26 percent, probably because of traffic delays caused by highway construction, the agency said.

June through September totals were up slightly from the same four-month period in 1981, the Travel Information Section said.

10-23-82

AOI to meet in Astoria

10/28/82

Associated Oregon Industries, an Oregon trade group, will hold its annual fall area conference 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 5 at the Astoria Thunderbird Motor Inn.

AOI staff members will discuss issues likely to arise in the 1983 legislative session and will make presentations on land-use planning, taxation and workers' compensation.

In addition to AOI members, representatives of local chambers of commerce, legislators and local government officials are expected to attend.

Museum featured in Sunset

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is featured in the October issue of Sunset magazine.

The 37,000-square-foot museum, which was opened to the public May 11, is the subject of five photographs and a one-page article aimed at providing travel tips to Westerners.

Sunset magazine called the $2.5 million building a "spectacular showcase for one of the best collections of its kind on the Pacific Coast."

After listing some of the artifacts to be found in the museum's 53-foot-high main gallery and several of the thematic exhibit areas, the Menlo Park, Calif.-based periodical offered directions and admission information.



Wave-shaped roof and shingled sides of new museum are viewed here from lightship Columbia berthed in river MICHAEL THOMPSON



When helmsman turned ship's wheel, sturdy rope transmitted command to rudder belowdecks. Today wheel rests in replicated pilothouse

Classic boats, periscope views at Columbia River Maritime Museum on Astoria's waterfront

It took 11 years, but the new Columbia River Maritime Museum that opened this spring in Astoria is now a spectacular showcase for one of the best collections of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

With its striking wave-shaped roof, the 37,000-square-foot museum houses tens of thousands of models, artifacts, photographs, and regional memorabilia—from the first days of exploration on the Northwest coast to the present.

You enter into the imposing 53-foot-high main gallery, or "great hall," arrayed with five historic craft on display (two U.S. Coast Guard surfboats and three fishing vessels). A revolving Fresnel lens from the lighthouse at North Head, Washington, beams from one corner. At the other end of the hall, the conning tower and two periscopes of the World War II submarine *Rasher* project through the roof to capture views up and down the Columbia.

Single-masted craft and two motor-powered fishing vessels join pair of Coast Guard surfboats in main gallery

The exhibit scale switches from the grand to the intimate in a series of seven rich and detailed galleries covering the fur trade and exploration, navigation and marine safety, fishing and whaling, steamboats and shipbuilding, sailing vessels, the transition from sail to motor power, and naval history.

In various galleries there are impressive ship models, especially the 7-foot-long replica of the five-masted schooner *Inca* and the exquisitely detailed model of *Old Ironsides*. Actual parts of several ships are also displayed: the entire bridge and pilothouse of the destroyer *Knapp*, armament from the battleship *Oregon*, bowsprits and figureheads from sailing ships.



Perhaps most evocative are pieces from several shipwrecks at the infamous Columbia River bar—the "graveyard of the Pacific." One copper-clad keel fragment believed to be from the British sloop-of-war *Raccoon*, which struck the bar in 1814, was recovered when a storm washed it up on the beach in 1972.

A book and gift store completes the interior. Outside is the largest exhibit—the retired lightship *Columbia*, commissioned in 1951. It shares dock space with the Coast Guard cutter *Tocoma*.

Admission (including a ticket for touring the lightship) is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for seniors and students 6 through 18, free for age 5 and under. The museum is located on the river at the foot of 17th Street, just off Marine Drive (U.S. Highway 30). Hours are 9:30 to 5 daily. ○

Up periscope: conning tower (left) of World War II submarine projects through museum roof for bull's-eye look at Columbia River, Astoria Bridge



SUNSET

OCTOBER 1982

10-19-82

NORTHWEST NEWS

Tourism drops in third quarter

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregonians traveled less than state officials expected in the third quarter of 1982, state travel officials say.

The result, according to a newly released study, is that a hoped-for blossoming of tourism late in the season failed to materialize, leaving the third quarter lagging behind the same period in 1981.

"We did okay with out-of-state visitors, but our in-state travel was a real problem," said Shirley Eads, Oregon travel director.

Eads said third-quarter visits to 30 prominent tourist attractions dropped 2 percent below 1981 figures. The 30 attractions serve as an indicator of Oregon's tourist industry's health.

A statewide study showed a visitor count of about 2.1 million at the attractions in July, August and September — compared with 2.13 million during the same period of 1981.

Oregon's depressed economy evidently kept many Oregonians at home this summer, Eads said. Those who did travel generally frequented free attractions rather than those charging admission, she added.

State officials had expected a boost in September. But Friday they learned that most tourist attractions were off 1 to 2 percent for the month, except in the Willamette Valley, which had a slight increase.

Class event 10-27-82

I would like to compliment the members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and race director Rich Fencsak for their work on the "Great Columbia Crossing" run.

The race was well organized. It was great to see so many people working to make sure that the runners were taken care of. I hope the race will become a regular part of the road racing scene in Oregon.

The Lions Club Clam Chowder Feed was greatly appreciated after fighting the wind and rain.

A special thank you to the friends on Alameda Avenue who cheered as we neared the finish line—or is that the Finnish line?

I think it was a good showing of how the people of Astoria can work together to put on a class event.

RALPH BROWN
586 S. 12th Ave.
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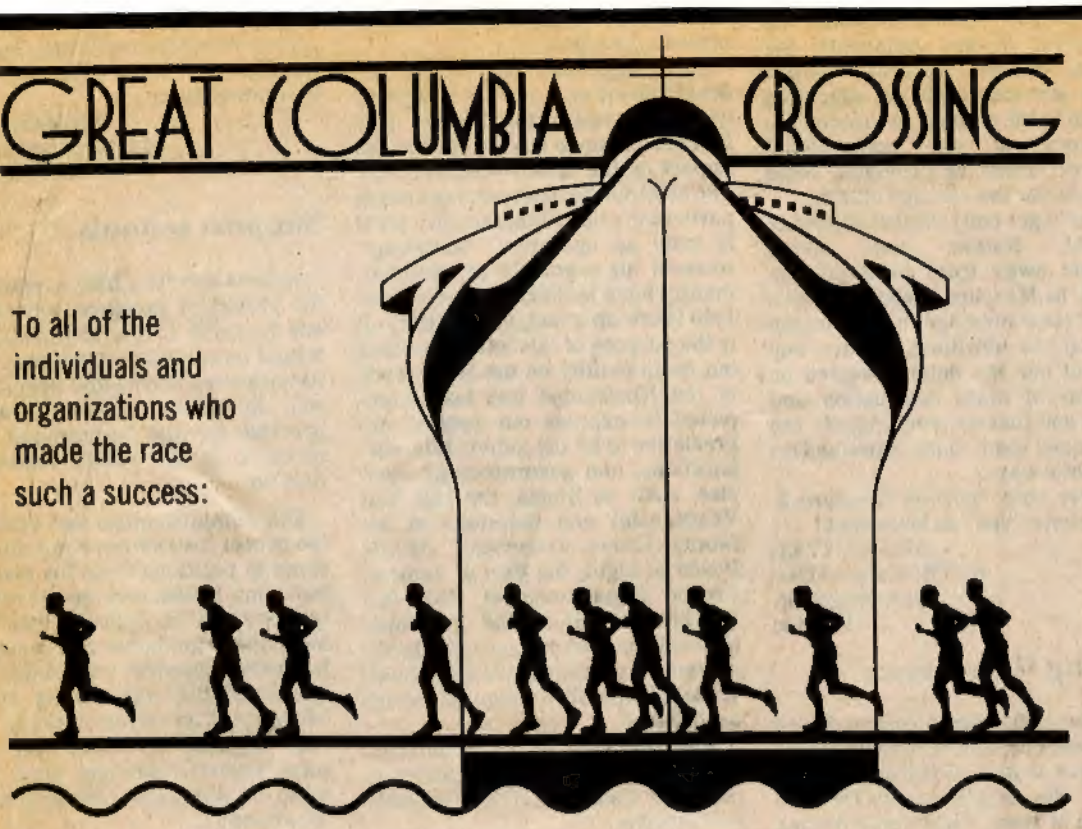
Interpreter sought 10/28/82

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce is looking for a volunteer who speaks Bulgarian to serve as an interpreter for Bulgarian seamen who periodically visit the Port of Astoria.

"We are doing this at the request of some local businessmen," said chamber secretary Peggy Enlund. She said a Bulgarian seaman recently tried to purchase some tires from a local service station, but the transaction couldn't be completed because of a language barrier. The request is unrelated to the defection here last week of two Bulgarian seamen.

Anyone interested in serving as an interpreter can call the chamber, 325-6311.

GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING



To all of the individuals and organizations who made the race such a success:

THANK YOU!

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce,
The Race Committee and NIKE.

Congratulations

11/2/82

The Great Columbia Crossing is now history. Congratulatory remarks have been rolling in from near and far, from runners and spectators alike. Since I served as race director, most of the compliments have come my way, but undeservedly so.

I would like to give credit where it is really due—first of all, to those persons collectively known as the Race Committee who have been meeting, planning and organizing for the last nine months. More than anyone else, Ron Anderson, Dan Cheney, Jim Durham, Clara Feneide, Gene Guiberson, Jeff Leinassar, Nancy McCommon, Don Morden, Gary Pedersen, Mark Steinberg and Jeff Walker deserve all the acclaim for the success of the race. Without them the Great Columbia Crossing would not have happened. Working tirelessly, the group attended to every detail.

Special thanks is also due to the Oregon State Highway Division represented by District Maintenance Supervisor Eldon Everton; and Ed Ferguson, his counterpart in the state of Washington. Their cooperation ensured an efficient traffic-control plan which left nothing to chance.

Finally, thank you to all of those wonderful race day volunteers (almost 200 in number) who played such an important role on Oct. 16. Because it would be impossible to name all those fine individuals and organizations who helped out, I would simply like to offer my personal congratulations for a job well done!

Astoria should be really proud of all those people from both sides of the river who helped to make the 1st Great Columbia Crossing such a fantastic event. Next year will be even better. . .See you then.

RICHARD FENCSAK
942 26th St.
Astoria

Congratulations

11/2/82

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, the Astoria Rotary Club, and the Astoria Lions Club, together with all the dozens of volunteers are to be heartily commended for their successful first Great Columbia River Crossing on Oct. 16. The course is one of the best available anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. The chowder feed and the awards ceremony were both first-class attractions.

We eagerly look forward to this event becoming not only an annual race, but one of the most popular events available to runners anywhere. Astorians can be rightfully proud of a splendid kickoff for a new tradition in Clatsop County's colorful history.

KEN WEIDKAMP
Secretary
Oregon Road Runners Club
Beaverton

Superb race

11/2/82

I was a participant in your race, the Great Columbia Crossing. I commend the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce for a superbly organized race. The cooperation of the Washington and Oregon state patrols, the local and county police departments, and, of course, the highway division for allowing traffic to be temporarily halted, assured the runners of a safe and delightful run. Everyone involved in the race, especially the local Astorians, were wonderful. Thank you for the original idea of running across the Columbia River and for an expertly organized race. Your city should be proud of such a successful event. I am already looking forward to next year's Second Annual Great Columbia Crossing.

BARBARA STREET
Port Angeles, Wash.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

11/17/82

School financing official to speak



Milt Baum

A longtime educator who is a recognized authority on Oregon school budgeting and finance will be the guest speaker Thursday at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon.

Milt Baum, associate superintendent of the Oregon Department of Education, will speak at noon in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant. Luncheon reservations may be made through the chamber office, 325-6311.

Baum, who has a doctorate in education from Oregon State University, has been an educator for 35 years and a department staff member for 13. He has worked with officials of all the school districts in Oregon that have been threatened with school closure because of lack of funds, including the Astoria School District. Astoria school officials have said schools will close long before the scheduled end of the school year in June if voters say "no" to an operating levy proposal in an emergency election Dec. 21; the amount of the levy proposal will be determined at an Astoria School Board meeting Thursday.

Baum's doctoral dissertation dealt with school finance and budgeting.

A former school superintendent in Silverton and high school principal, Baum heads the management services division of the department and carries the title of associate superintendent.

Mayors to meet in Astoria

11-18-82

The 1983 Association of Oregon Mayors' conference will be held in Astoria Aug. 18-20, Mayor-elect Edith Henningsgaard said Thursday.

Association members chose Astoria during a luncheon meeting Sunday at the annual League of Oregon Cities convention in Eugene after Mrs. Henningsgaard made a pitch for the city to play host to the conference, she said. Other cities, including Seaside and Coos Bay, also had sought the conference, she said, but the vote for Astoria was nearly unanimous.

The Astoria Thunderbird Motor Inn probably will be the site of most of the conference meetings, she said. About 75 rooms already have been reserved for the event.

Mrs. Henningsgaard was elected to a four-year term as Astoria mayor Nov. 2. She will take office Jan. 1, replacing Robert Chopping, who decided not to seek re-election.

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11-3-82

During Victorian Christmas Weekend

Nelson to prepare benefit dinner

Richard Nelson, Portland's internationally acclaimed expert on American cuisine, will be a major participant in what's being billed as Astoria's "first annual" Victorian Christmas Weekend Dec. 3-5.

Nelson has agreed to prepare a traditional Christmas feast — roast suckling pig, chestnut dressing and all the trimmings — to benefit the Clatsop County Historical Society's Heritage Center project. The society recently leased the former Astoria City Hall building at 16th and Exchange streets and plans to develop the facility into a heritage center of Clatsop County's history.

Nelson's Christmas feast will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Heritage Center.

Eight of Astoria's Victorian homes will be open for tours during the Victorian Christmas Weekend. Included will be the Captain Hiram Brown house built in 1852. It is one of the oldest in Oregon still maintained as a one-family home. Also open will be the John Hobson house, 1863; the Charles Page house, 1879; the Peter Cherry House, 1883; and six other examples of 19th century living.

Home tours will be 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

Highlighting the Victorian activities will be Nelson's elegant feast.

Nelson, whose cooking classes in Astoria, Portland, Honolulu and various other North American cities have been featured in leading culinary publications, is considered a member of the magic circle of great American food authorities — James Beard, Julia Child, Craig Claiborne, Julie Dannenbaum.

Nelson is widely recognized as a writer and commentator on food. He writes a weekly food column and will



Richard Nelson

soon publish his regional cookbook, "Foods of the Pacific Northwest;" a part of a series of Great American Cooking Schools. Three more cookbooks are planned over the next three years.

Nelson has been involved in the study and preparation of food for more than 30 years; he has been active as a teacher for more than a decade. In 1971 Beard asked Nelson to assist him in his annual classes at Seaside. Nelson accepted and soon rose to associate status. At Beard's urging, he established his own school in Portland. In 1979 Nelson opened an Astoria branch of his school, in which classes extend over a four-week period. He founded a cooking school for the Waikiki Hyatt Regency Hotel in Honolulu in 1980.

"We are extremely fortunate to have an internationally acclaimed master such as Richard Nelson bring his cooking artistry to Astoria to share with the people of Clatsop County and with all those interested in the heritage of our area," said Gloria Richards, director of the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Tickets for Nelson's Christmas feast and for the Victorian homes tours are available at the Clatsop County Heritage Center and at the Flavel House Museum in Astoria.

Cost of the dinner is $25 per person. The tours will be $2 for one house; $7.50 for five houses; and $10 for all eight houses.

11/19/82

Education official says

School closure impact 'short term'

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The six Oregon school districts that have closed their doors for lack of funds in recent years suffered mostly short-term consequences, a state school official said here Thursday.

"Every community is different, but the carryover kind of drops off," Milt Baum told about 40 people attending the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon at the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant.

Baum is associate superintendent of the Oregon Department of Education. As director of the Management Services Division, the 35-year veteran of public education has been a consultant for local school officials in each of the six districts, as well as the 10 in Oregon that have experienced teachers' strikes in the last nine years. (The state has a total of 309 school districts; the number has dropped significantly in the last few years).

BAUM WAS ASKED to speak at the chamber forum because the Astoria School District's political and budgetary problems have raised a serious threat that schools here may close early this year as well.

Of the six districts that closed schools because they ran short of money, "it's been surprising how little trouble they've had" winning annual voter approval of property tax levy proposals once schools were reopened, Baum said. In five of the six cases, funds ran short after voters had repeatedly rejected levy proposals intended to balance the districts' budgets. In later years "none of them have had any problems." The fallout from teacher strikes generally lasts longer, Baum said.

Furthermore, none of the six lost state funds for failure to meet state standards concerning the minimum length of a school year, Baum said. That was either because they had enough leeway in their original school year calendar to endure a brief period of closure without falling below the minimum allowable number of class days—170, in an emergency—or because they started school early in the subsequent school year. Nor were high school seniors' college plans affected.

Nevertheless, a school closure seldom is a painless experience for a community, Baum said. He linked such an event to a decline in the quality of education.

However, Baum acknowledged that academic achievement apparently remains high in the Brookings-Harbor School District — which suspended classes for the 1981-82 school year last May 7, except for graduating seniors. "I think they will continue to have a good educational program."

Students sometimes flock from a district that closes its schools, moving to areas where schools remain open. In some cases, many never return. For example, in the first district to experience a budget-related school closure, enrollment dropped 16 percent and never rebounded after the three-week shutdown ended, Baum said.

BAUM SAID HE remains optimistic that the Astoria district and the three others in which a shutdown during 1982-83 is a significant possibility will solve their problems. "I have faith in Oregonians—something will be worked out," he said.

Baum said the Astoria School District will be only the second in Oregon history to hold six levy elections in a single school year. The other was the Fern Ridge School District in Lane County.

Baum remained in Astoria Thursday evening and attended the Astoria School Board meeting, at which board members decided upon a levy proposal for Dec. 21 ballots. That will be an emergency election; five previous elections have borne no fruit.

Today Baum was to visit Gresham, where the Gresham Union High School District also is a candidate for early school closure this year.

REAL ESTATE VALUES are affected, too. "It's surprising what happened—real estate salesmen all of a sudden couldn't sell property for half the (former) value. The bottom dropped out (of the market) in some of the communities."

When schools close, "everybody is trying to find somebody to blame . . .most generally people don't have much trouble." The main culprit, however, is usually something like declining forest revenues, not personalities, Baum said. The Astoria district's budget problems stem in substantial part from the logging downturn in the Clatsop State Forest.

Instead of finding someone to blame, however, students in one district threatened with the prospect

Holiday house tours this weekend

12-1-82

The Clatsop County Historical Society is offering "a holiday glimpse into Astoria's past" with public tours of eight Astoria Victorian homes this weekend.

Part of the society's fund-raising "Victorian Christmas Weekend," the tours will be 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $10 to view eight homes, $7.50 to see five houses and $2 to visit a single home. Many will be decorated for the holidays.

Open Friday 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. will be homes belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Gary Boelling, 1643 Grand Ave.; Astoria Mayor and Mrs. Bob Chopping, 836 15th St.; Vera Gault, 1393 Franklin Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson, 1337 Franklin Ave. Open 1 to 4 p.m. Friday will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Collins, 682 34th St. Also open Friday 7 to 9 p.m. will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nerenberg, 845 Kensington Ave.

THE BOELLING, CHOPPING and Gault houses again will welcome visitors 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday while the Williamson, Collins and Nerenberg houses will be open Saturday only 1 to 4 p.m. Additional homes on the tour Saturday will be the residences of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kaufman, 934 Irving Ave., and Marjorie Halderman, 469 Bond St. The Kaufman and Halderman homes will be open both afternoon and evening.

Sunday, tours will be available at the Chopping, Gault, Collins, Kaufman and Halderman houses.

The Williamson house was built in 1852, making it the oldest standing residence in Astoria and one of the oldest in Oregon still maintained as a one-family home. It is noted for its black walnut staircase and authentic Victorian furnishings.

The Halderman house is Astoria's oldest residence to remain in continuous family ownership and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 119-year-old house is furnished with family possessions.

Built in 1879, Mrs. Gault's home was restored in 1966-67. It is furnished with many Victorian pieces and family heirlooms. The Collins home was built in 1890 for Swedish immigrant and salmon cannery owner Gust Holmes. It remains in its original style except for some interior modernization.

THE CHOPPINGS WILL greet visitors to their home with a display of antique Christmas ornaments. The house was built in 1883 for British Consul Peter Cherry when Astoria was a port of entry.

Considered good examples of Victorian architecture adapted to modern living are the Boelling house, built in 1893, and restored in 1973, and the Nerenberg home, built in 1895 and occupied for many years by an early Astoria physician.

Furnished with family treasures of several generations, the Kaufman house was built in 1889. It has bay windows, stained glass panels and a carved stair rail.

ALSO OPEN THIS weekend will be the historical society's home, the Flavel mansion at 441 Eighth St. Considered by many to be one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in Oregon, the picturesque house was built in 1885 for Capt. and Mrs. George Flavel. It will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is $1.

Tickets for the home tours are available at the Flavel mansion or at the Clatsop County Historical Society Heritage Center, 1618 Exchange St. Only single admission tickets may be purchased at the tour homes.

Open Forum—

11/30/82

Thank you

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce for the letter submitted to the Columbia River Compact in August. I feel the letters written by the chambers and the Bank of Astoria definitely had an impact on the decision made that day. The 12-hour fishing period granted the gillnetters was very successful and I hope this reflected favorably in the Astoria business world.

LES CLARK
President
Northwest Gillnetters Association

12-8-82

Food and toys sought

Collection boxes for food and toys for Christmas baskets for the needy have been set up in public buildings in Astoria and Warrenton.

Besides boxes located in schools and retail stores, Volunteer Services Program volunteers have placed donation boxes at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, U.S. National Bank branch offices in Astoria and Warrenton and the Astoria police and fire headquarters building at 555 30th St.

For information about the Christmas basket project, call the Volunteer Services Program, 325-4811.

AREA BRIEFS

12-14-82

Local Residents Featured — Two North Coast residents will be featured in Pat Wilkens' reports in the 5 p.m. news on KATU-TV, Channel 2. Dwight Irish, a blacksmith whose shop is at the Clatsop County Airport, will be featured Wednesday; the segment on Brig. Gen. Richard McCarter, commander of Camp Rilea, Warrenton, will appear Friday, according to a Channel 2 spokesman.

Victorian homes tour nets $1,700

12-8-82

Weekend tours of eight Victorian homes in Astoria raised about $1,700 for the Clatsop County Historical Society.

About 400 people purchased 1,231 tickets to see the historic houses Friday, Saturday and Sunday, said Bruce Berney, ticket chairman for the event. Tickets could be purchased to view one house or a group of homes during the historical society's "Victorian Christmas Weekend."

Berney said tour participants came from all over the Pacific Northwest, but primarily from Portland and Vancouver and Longview, Wash. He said articles in publications outside Clatsop County, such as a full-page feature in the Longview newspaper about the Astoria event, probably helped bring people to town.

Stormy weather Friday kept many out-of-town people away, but two Skamokawa, Wash., residents braved the wind and rain that evening to tour several homes, Berney said. Evening tours weren't as popular as the daytime visits and probably will be discontinued next year, he added.

The house with the most weekend visitors, 238, was the home of Astoria Mayor and Mrs. Bob Chopping, 836 15th St. It was built in 1883 for Peter Cherry, British consul when Astoria was a port of entry. On display in the home was a Christmas tree decorated by Donna Gustafson of Astoria with antique ornaments.

Berney said the society owes special thanks to the participating homeowners, Scandinavian Workshop members who served refreshments and displayed Victorian handcrafts Saturday and Sunday at the Flavel House Museum and the City of Astoria, which provided a creche for display at the Flavel House. The creche was a gift to the city from Walldorf, Germany, Astoria's sister city. It usually is displayed at Astoria City Hall during the holidays but construction at City Hall changed the schedule this year, Berney said.

Vera Gault was chairwoman of the weekend of house tours, which involved about 50 volunteers in the selling and collecting of tickets. Proceeds will be used for projects at the Flavel House Museum and the society's new Heritage Center in the former Astoria City Hall building at 16th and Exchange streets.

12-6-82

150 diners cheer chef Nelson, feast

Some hae meete and canna eat,
Some hae nane that wan it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And the Lorde be thank it.

By ADELE WAGNER
For The Daily Astorian

Those spare words from an old Scottish blessing began an opulent Victorian feast Saturday night at the Clatsop County Heritage Center.

As part of a weekend of events highlighting the holiday season in Astoria, over 150 diners gathered to hail the roast of Christmas past — suckling pig — devour the superb meal prepared by master chef Richard Nelson, and fete the panache of Christmas present and future here in Astoria.

In one afternoon, community volunteers transformed the blank walls of the old Astoria City Hall building's top story into a gleaming banquet hall, festooned with holiday wreaths and garlands. That evening amid clustered poinsettias and branches filigreed with twinkling lights, diners were entertained by harpsichord, carolers, musicians and singers.

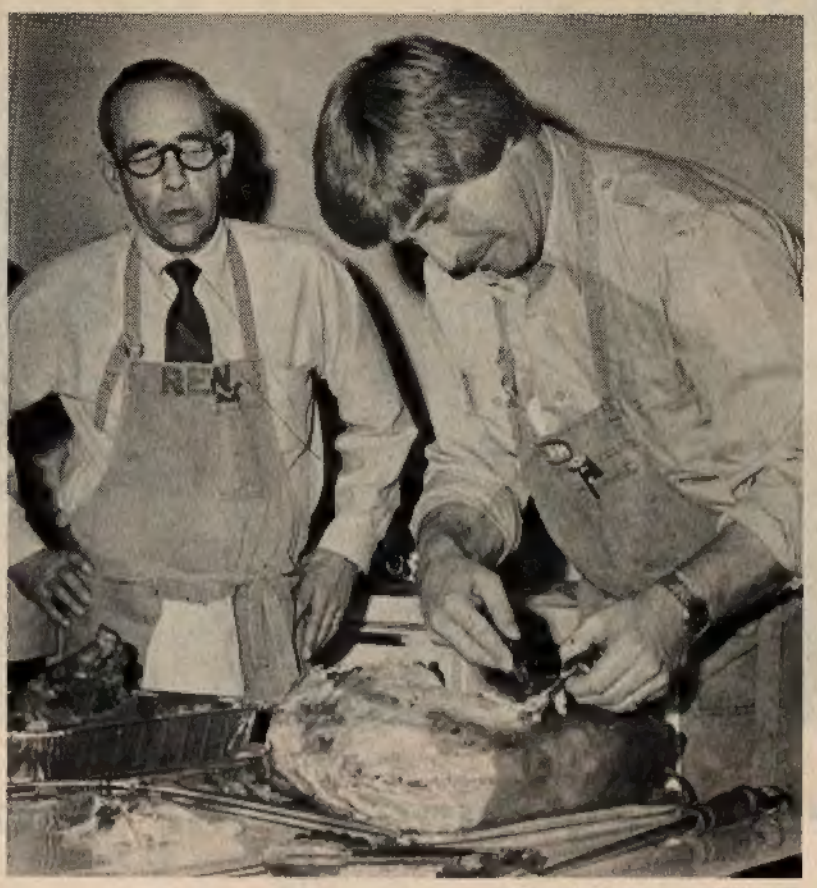
Volunteer waitresses, nattily uniformed in period caps and ruffled aprons, brought in the food with appropriate Victorian aplomb. As one guest said, "They were better than professional."

AND INDEED EVERYONE did eat: oysters basking in cream, roast chestnut and barley dressing, nut-filled ginger pudding, and succulent pig.

After the meal a cheer went up from the crowd for Nelson and his crew to repeat the repast next year.

Although Nelson was forced to admit that he really hadn't done it all on one hot plate, he did agree to make the Victorian Christmas dinner an annual event "so long as no one remodeled the kitchen."

As the scene of Nelson's culinary heroics Saturday, the kitchen in question did defy the traditional Victorian "upstairs, downstairs" model. It was more a "backwards, sideways" version off the main hall, and consisted of four borrowed stoves, three found tables, two empty closets, no partridge, and one tiny sink.



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Chef Richard Nelson, left, supervised as one of his helpers prepared the pork for the meal.

In a feat of prowess, Nelson and his crew cooked the better part of the feast in one day, carefully multiplying the ingredients of each of Nelson's recipes by 10. But as Mark Snapp, Nelson's assistant, explained, "You can't do it straight. Nelson keeps tasting all the way through. In the ginger pudding, for example, you can't multiply the ginger. You could kill someone with the fumes alone."

BUT MORE THAN food, culinary keenness, music and costume were celebrated Saturday night. The meal was a fund-raiser for the Heritage Center, but guests also feted the future of Astoria itself as a unique cultural center on the North Coast.

As Max Chance, chief of exhibits for the Columbia River Maritime Museum, said, "I'm a practical person, a realist, and these are bad times. But the number of people here tonight indicates that people are able to go beyond that. Astoria is finding its sense of identity. This city is almost an anachronism in this day and age; it's remained so unaffected. There are so many good things here intact."

Definitely intact was the community's ability to pull together and pull off a dinner of considerable magnitude. Captained by an energetic triumvirate composed of Director Gloria Richards, Clatsop County Historical Society Board member June Daggatt and Jean Anderson of the Committee to Promote Astoria, volunteers decked the hall , hauled the holly and necessary furbishings — and a new tradition dawned.

"The chamber of commerce's Committee to Promote Astoria (in conjunction with the Clatsop County Historical Society) went out on a limb to promote the Victorian dinner and weekend," said Ms. Richards. "With assistance from the entire county and community, we showed we could do it. It was a gutsy thing. We can't talk about profit till the bills come in.

"Nelson was a superstar; he even donated the two pigs. We knew we wouldn't make a lot of money. We didn't really do it for money. We did it because we saw it as a wonderful opportunity to introduce the community to the whole concept of the Heritage Center and because we see dealing with our history as the future of Astoria."

Chance had said earlier Saturday evening that "people come to the museums because they like to see the real thing. There's so much illusion in our society: advertising, TV, the movies, the media."

Astoria's Victoriana isn't Disneyland. It is the real thing.

"And the Lord be thank it."

12.15.82

Fisheries chief to speak at Astoria Chamber

Dr. Harry Wagner, Chief of Fisheries for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will be the featured speaker at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce noon Forum on Thursday, Dec. 16. Wagner will speak on and answer questions related to the sport and commercial fishing season for 1983.

Wagner has a doctorate and masters degree in fisheries from Oregon State University. His graduate research work at OSU dealt with the downstream passage of salmonids.

After spending summers working in Alaska during the period 1953-55, Wagner served as a research assistant at the Oregon Cooperative Research Unit. In 1959, he was project assistant on a sportfish survey for the California Fish and Game Department. After returning to Oregon he worked for the Oregon State Game Commission, and in 1973 became Chief of the Research Division.

Dr. Wagner will succeed Bob Thompson as head of the Fishery Division on January 1, when Thompson retires. In his new position, he will direct the operations of the Fish Division with an annual budget of 38 million and 492 employees operating 32 fish hatcheries and a wide variety of other projects throughout Oregon.

The luncheon will be in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Restaurant.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

12-13-82 D.A.

New fisheries chief to speak



Henry Wagner

The man who will head the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's fisheries division after the first of the year will speak at an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce noon forum Thursday.

Harry Wagner, who will replace Bob Thompson as fisheries chief, will discuss prospects for next year's sport and commercial fishing seasons.

Knowing the importance that subject has for coastal residents, there also will be time for questions and answers, chamber manager Jim Durham said.

Wagner holds master's and doctoral degrees from Oregon State University. His graduate work was in downstream migration of juvenile salmon and steelhead.

Wagner worked in Alaska from 1953 to 1955, in California on a sport fish survey, and returned to work for the Oregon Game Commission in 1973, becoming chief of the research division.

Wagner will head a division with 492 employees and an average annual budget of $38 million. It operates 32 fish hatcheries and many other programs and facilities throughout Oregon.

The luncheon meeting will be in the Chinook Room of the Astoria Thunderbird Searfare restaurant. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office, 325-6311.

Modern Tiny Tims

Phil Bertram, left, and Bob Ward strung lights Monday on one of 10 Christmas trees the Astoria Retail Merchants Committee has put up in downtown Astoria.

The merchants committee, part of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, bought 11 36-inch concrete culverts to hold the trees, although one culvert was destroyed by vandals before it could be set up, committee Chairman Stan Hauer said.

Eight of the culverts were set up along Commercial Street and two on side streets, then were filled with gravel and sand by city public works employees, Hauer said. Clatsop Community College welding students built metal stands to hold the Christmas trees and Hauer and Roger Martin placed the trees in the stands.

Ward, who owns Nicolai TV Cable Co., also donated use of a truck for stringing the lights.

Hauer said the merchants hope to turn the culverts into year-round planters to beautify the downtown.

The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER



12-15-82

Chamber to name Citizen

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The Warrenton Chamber of Commerce will present its annual citizen of the year award for 1982 this Wednesday evening.

The Chamber has named the following finalists for citizen of the year award: Polly Hurd; John Ford; Bob Barrick, and Duane Mullins. The factor in the selection is contribution to the community during the past year.

The award will be presented at a ceremony to be held Dec. 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Buccaneer Deli Restaurant in the Harbor Place Building in Warrenton.

Punch and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The ceremony is open to members of the Chamber and their friends.

12/1/82

Gift wrap will aid Services

A Christmas Gift-wrapping service in downtown Astoria will raise money to be used for the needy of Clatsop County.

Volunteers from the Astoria Area Ministerial Association and Astoria Volunteer Services will join forces to wrap gifts for shoppers and to request a small contribution for the service. The service will be at 1008 Commercial, next to the Fiesta Restaurant, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, beginning Monday, December 13 and ending Christmas Eve

Money raised from the gift-wrap will be used to assist local people with clothing, housing, and other needs through the winter months.

NORTH COAST

State fisheries official brings optimistic message

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

There's a light at the end of the tunnel, one of Oregon's top fisheries officials told Astorians Thursday, and it's not the headlight of an approaching train.

Harry Wagner, who will become head of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's fisheries division Jan. 1, told an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce noon forum he's optimistic about the future of salmon fisheries.

And though some in the audience were skeptical, the chief spokesmen for two lower Columbia River gillnetters' associations agreed.

Wagner said the ODFW is besieged by two kinds of problems: conservation issues and allocation issues. If the conservation problems could be solved, he said, the allocation problems — dividing dwindling stocks of fish among competing users — would solve themselves.

MANY SALMON STOCKS present conservation problems, Wagner said. Such a stock important to



Harry Wagner

Astoria fishermen is the "upriver bright" fall chinook stock. The need to protect brights restricts gillnetting for plentiful tule stocks, the lower river hatchery-grown fall chinook.

Wagner said the Northwest Power Planning Council has a fish and wildlife enhancement plan that not only establishes a "water budget" for fish migration, but which "will make $500 million available over the next decade to restore those runs to levels they were before McNary Dam was completed." That will put 1 million more salmon each year in the mouth of the river, Wagner said.

Bonneville Power Administration, which must fund those programs, has included $9 million for them in its 1983 budget; the BPA has 135 suggestions for spending that money, most of which will mean gains for the region's fisheries.

Wagner said the Pacific Fishery Management Council has learned a lot from the "chaotic" 1982 ocean salmon season. Next summer, charter boat operators should get a season they can count on, if not be ecstatic over, he said.

"The council has set commercial-recreational harvest allocations based on a fixed percentage that doesn't treat recreational fishermen right in poor-run years, when recreational fishermen take a higher percentage of the total catch." This year, Wagner said, the PFMC may use a sliding scale of allocation between commercial trollers and recreational fishermen.

THE LOWER SNAKE River compensation plan has resulted in $158 million in new hatcheries, soon to begin operation in the upper river, Wagner said. Looking Glass Creek Hatchery on the Grand Ronde River, recently opened, will produce 1 million spring chinook per year. Irrigon Hatchery, which is still on the drawing boards but could be under construction by next October, will add 1.7 million steelhead to the system each year.

A comprehensive coho management plan Wagner helped draft for the first time give the ODFW an "orderly approach" to increasing the number of coho in Oregon waters.

The department is trying to enhance coho runs in several ways, Wagner said — by releasing excess adults in depopulated streams so they can spawn naturally; by so-called "off-station" release of hatchery-reared coho smolts, in the hope those fish will return to those off-station sites; and by releasing presmolts to rear in depopulated streams. Wagner said the ODFW isn't simply dumping fish to die. "We're doing this with regard for genetics, for the stream's rearing capacity, for population densities."

The department's relations with treaty Indian tribes has improved dramatically "though it needs to be better," he said. That's important, Wagner said, because Indians are dedicated to the survival of fish runs.

Not only that, he said, "but these folks have never lost in court. They are 11 for 11 in asking courts to interpret their treaty rights" to mean they're entitled to half the region's harvestable salmon.

"NOW, IT'S IMPORTANT we don't become complacent with what's going well for the resource," Wagner concluded. "We have to work together to solve problems we still have."

In a question-and-answer session, Astoria gillnetter Don Riswick asked Wagner why the ODFW thought it could do any better bringing back upriver brights than it had with spring chinook, which are still threatened though no commercial harvest of that stock has been allowed for years.

"We're confident we can bring them back" Wagner replied. "If we can't, we'll have a lot of monuments (hatcheries) to them upriver."

Chinook, Wash., gillnetter Les Clark said he was pleased with Wagner's appointment to the top fisheries post under ODFW Director Jack Donaldson. "I think he knows what he's talking about, and I think he keeps an open mind," said Clark, who is president of the Northwest Gillnetters Association.

While relations between officers of that group and the Astoria-based Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union frequently are tense and sometimes hostile, CRFPU Executive Secretary Jack Marincovich agreed.

Marincovich was guardedly optimistic about the future of Columbia River salmon runs and, therefore, gillnetting. "I think things are definitely looking up," he said.

The possibility of up to 14 days of winter season fishing in late February doesn't hurt either, Marincovich said.

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Tree Farmer of the Year named for Clatsop 12.8.82

A south county landowner has been named Clatsop Tree Farmer of the Year.

Paul McCracken, part owner of Boyakin Creek Tree Farm was presented with the award at a recent tour of his property. The Tree Farmer of the Year award is made every year to a landowner who is actively managing their property for the production of forest products.

Boyakin Creek Tree Farm is located just north of the Clatsop-Tillamook County Line, near State Highway 53.

McCracken is responsible for the management of about 80 acres of land within the Boyakin Creek property. The property was originally purchased by McCracken and partner Gordon King because they liked to sport fish the Nehalem River. The Nehalem borders the property.

But McCracken saw potential in the practice of growing trees and making the land productive again. He embarked on an ambitious program that has seen the reestablishment of old field pasture land back to trees, the harvest of mature timber and follow-up reforestation.

McCracken's tree farming activities stress the idea of multiple use. The property is a prime piece of forest land that's being managed for timber as well as other important forest resources like recreation, fish and wildlife. The timber management goals are being achieved while meeting the recreational needs of the landowners and the habitat needs of the fish and wildlife.

McCracken will be honored by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce at their December 16 luncheon meeting. Two Chamber members, Crown Zellerbach Corporation and Boise Cascade Corporation, will make presentations.

The luncheon meeting begins at noon at the Thunderbird Chinook Room. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Chamber Office at 325-6311. The luncheon costs $5.50. Everyone is welcome.

Whales can now be seen making southward trek

Gray whales can now be seen along the Oregon coast on their annual 6,000 mile trek from the Bering Sea off Alaska to Baja, California.

The southward migration, which involves thousands of gray whales, lasts from December to early February, according to Bruce Mate, Oregon State University Extension marine mammal specialist.

The whales are headed for lagoons off the coast of Baja where they will breed and give birth to young.

Unlike most whales, grays stay near land during their migration, commonly traveling about three miles from shore. Some scientists theorize that gray whales may not be good navigators so they follow a shallow-water route to avoid getting lost.

"Whatever the reason for hugging the coastline, the grays offer a splendid opportunity for coastal sightseers," Mate says.

In the last few years, whale watching charterboat trips have become popular, giving people a close-up view of these giant mammals which reach 45 feet in length and weigh as much as 45 tons.

For the shorebound viewers, high coastal headlands jutting into the ocean offer the best vantage point. Binoculars or spotting scopes are recommended.

The telltale blow, a spout of vapor rising as high as 12 feet, is the first sign to alert the whale watcher. Once the geyser-like cloud appears, keep watching in the same area for more, Mate advises. The best time to watch for whales is in the early morning when the sea is calm.

The gray whale gets its name from its blotchy pattern of coloration, which is caused by barnacles growing in the skin and by scar tissue where barnacles have been.

Two OSU Extension publications explain more about whales. Single copies of "Gray Whales," SG 52, and "Watching Whales," SG 53, are available without charge from the Bulletin Mailing Service, OSU, Corvallis 97331.

People who miss the southern migration of gray whales will have another chance to see them during the northern migration beginning in late February and lasting until June.

From March 21-26, 1983, the OSU Extension Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program will conduct whale watching activities at the OSU Marine Science Center in Newport. More information is available from Don Giles, OSU Extension marine education specialist at the Marine Science Center, telephone 867-3011.

BUSINESS BRIEFS 12-21-82

PAUL MCCRACKEN, part owner of Boyakin Creek Tree Farm in south Clatsop County, has been named Clatsop Tree Farmer of the Year, the Clatsop County Extension Service announced.

The award is given each year to a landowner who is actively managing his property for production of forest products. McCracken's tree farm is just north of the Clatsop-Tillamook county line, near Highway 53.

McCracken manages about 80 acres of land in the Boyakin Creek property. He and partner Gordon King bought the property originally because they liked to sport fish on the Nehalem River, an extension service spokesman says. The river borders the property.

McCracken has re-established trees in old pasture land, harvested mature timber, reforested and converted acreage with low-valued hardwoods to Douglas fir.

McCracken also has released about 25,000 cutthroat trout in Boyakin Creek, a tributary of the Nehalem. He hopes to release both coho salmon and steelhead this year. The fish release project is part of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program.

McCracken was honored at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday forum luncheon.



George Larimer

GEORGE LARIMER, manager of Greenberg's Furniture, is the 1983 chairman of the Astoria Retail Merchants Committee.

Members of the committee, which is part of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, recently elected new officers. Larimer replaces Stan Hauer of Hauer's Cyclery.

Elected vice chairman was Don Morden, owner of Columbia Chocolates. Secretary is Sharon Kelley, co-owner of Western Auto, and treasurer is Elsie Whitney of U.S. National Bank.

The committee's next regular meeting is Jan. 5.

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Feb. 11, 1982

Mr. James E. Durham
Executive Director
Astoria Area/Chamber of Commerce

Dear Mr. Durham:

A copy of The Seattle Times article on Astoria is forwarded herewith.

I hope it will be useful to your tourist and visitor programs during 1982.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Astoria worth more than fuel stop

Willard W. Marsh of Bellevue is a retired airline public-relations executive.

by Willard W. Marsh
Bellevue writer

ASTORIA, Ore. — Some years ago a well-known American humorist and writer described North Carolina as "a state most people have a sleeping-car knowledge of." (Irvin S. Cobb).

That was in the years when most intercity travel was by rail. The better trains along the Eastern Seaboard departed New York, Washington or Philadelphia in the evening and arrived in Florida or cities along the Gulf Coast the next day, passing through the Carolinas late at night or in the wee morning hours.

To some extent this friendly city at the mouth of the Columbia River suffers a similar status. To Seattle travelers heading to or from the Oregon Coast or California along U.S. 101, Astoria is a convenient "pit stop" — a place to refuel the family chariot, make use of service-station facilities and pick up a 'burger and a beverage.

This is a pity, because Astoria has far more to offer travelers than service stations and fast-food havens.

Consider, first of all, history.

Years before Seattle even was a clearing in the Puget Sound wilderness, Astoria became the first American city to be established in the Pacific Northwest. It was named for John Jacob Astor, owner of the gigantic Pacific Fur Co.

In 1811 six of Astor's associates sailed around Cape Horn to the mouth of the Columbia and established a fur-trading post in what is now the business center of the city.

Still, the Astor party wasn't first on the scene. In 1805 the Lewis and Clark Expedition arrived here, where the Columbia pours fresh water into the Pacific at a flow 13 times greater than that of the Hudson as it rolls past New York City into the Atlantic.

Nor was Astoria always a part of the United States. In 1813 Fort Astoria was sold to the British and renamed Fort George. The Union Jack fluttered over the region until 1818, when it was restored to the United States.

For those who regard a history book with the emotion usually reserved for root-canal dentistry, Astoria has made the story of its past visible, simple and interesting.

Towering above the city on a promontory commanding a sweeping view of ocean, river and mountains is "The Astoria Column."

This tower, erected in 1926, pictures all the events leading to establishment of American sovereignty over the Northwest Territory. A freize circling the outside of the tower like a gargantuan barber pole tells each event of the era beginning when Capt. Robert Gray in the ship Columbia discovered the mouth of the great river of the West.

For the stout of heart and strong of wind and leg muscle, there are 166 steps of a circular stairway inside the tower. On top is an observation platform not recommended for anybody with acrophobia.

For those who don't mind heights and enjoy massive scenery, that Astoria Column itself is worth a stopover on clear days. Even on non-clear days the spectacle of blustery weather observed from such an Olympian vantage can be interesting.

The monument easily is reached by paved city streets. Signs throughout the downtown area direct travelers to the tower and parking facilities. During the summer-travel season a tourist-information center is maintained at the column to assist visitors with everything from hotel/motel-/mobile-home accommodations to advice on restaurants to reservations for salmon fishing from charter boats.

But the charm of Astoria is not entirely welded to its history. Worth a stop for picture taking is the high Astoria Bridge, linking Oregon and Washington, straddling the town on the Oregon side and standing lofty enough to permit passage of ocean vessels without a lift or drawspan.

Not far beyond Astoria, right at "land's end," travelers will find Fort Stevens State Park.

As a military installation, Fort Stevens stood sentry at the mouth of the Columbia from the last days of the Civil War until the late 1940s. As a recreation site for today's tourists rather than a base for yesterday's soldiers, the park is a 3,700-acre area of beach, sand dunes, bikeways, hiking trails and plain panorama.

Like steel filings to a magnet any discussion of tourist or travel attractions will be drawn to the subject of food and places to eat.

With some of the finest seafood restaurants in the nation in their own back yard, travelers from Seattle may not be notably eager to seek out seafood away from home.

But what can be said for dining out in the Astoria area is that visitors already accustomed to good meals from the ocean, lakes and streams will not be horrified — as they easily may be at what passes for a fish dinner in other parts of the country.



The Astoria Column, which towers on a promontory in the city

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Idahoan repeats marathon win



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Terry Heath crossed the finish line 2:21:16 after starting the 26-mile Seaside race.



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1,758 runners defy wind, rain at Trail's End

By SUE LANCASTER
Of The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Veteran marathoner Terry Heath of Post Falls, Idaho, was the victor in the 13th Trail's End Marathon Saturday, but a 77-year-old retired surgeon from The Dalles won the awards ceremony hands down.

The second man to repeat a victory at Seaside's popular 26-mile race, Heath, 27, finished in 2:21:16, nearly two minutes slower than his 1980 winning time of 2:19:30.

Gail Volk, a 21-year-old student from Seattle, set a women's course record 20 minutes later, as she posted her second Trail's End victory in 2:41:21.

"It was easier for me this year," Heath said. "I felt stronger this time."

Other runners caused some pressure during the first five or 10 miles, Heath said, but the overall pace was "good."

I JUST RAN how I felt," the former Boston Marathon competitor said. "I just wanted to run my own pace this year."

Despite a chilly rain and brisk wind after the first hour, the weather didn't really bother him, Heath said. "I like the cold weather. It was just right for me." But, he admitted, the weather may have slowed him a bit.

Volk, running her 15th marathon, expressed disappointment in her time, but said the weather was no factor. "I think I could have run faster," she said. "My best time is 2:39:48, so I was a little off. I had hoped, but . . ." she shrugged.

Volk said the pace was a little fast in the beginning, when the weather was warm and sunny, but slowed when the wind came up around the 13-mile mark.

"I started feeling bad about 13 miles," she said. "I was really tired about 14."

Like Heath, Volk expressed an affinity for the colder weather that drove spectators into storefronts and restaurants, looking for warmth. "I won in 1979," she said. "And it was also cold and windy."

The cold, rainy weather was a major topic of conversation all afternoon, as runners limped into first aid stations for blankets and juice, and exhaustedly talked of hitting "the wall" and the wind.

BUT LONG AFTER dark, and long after the 1,758-strong field of runners had retired to the warmth of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center for countless bowls of chili and endless reminiscing of the day's personal victories, a lone runner was still doggedly trekking through the streets of Gearhart and Seaside.

As Seaside Chamber of Commerce member Ken Karge began to present medals and trophies to the official winners, he told the 1,500 people in the audience that the race wasn't yet over. Dr. Theodore Hyde, 77, was still out on the course, he said — seven hours after the start of the race, and more than four hours after Heath strode across the finish line to the cheers of hundreds.

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Marathon— *'Just like childbirth'*

If they finished, they won

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Thirty minutes later, Hyde entered the hall, stealing the show from Heath, Volk and other medal winners, and triumphantly basked in a two-minute standing ovation.

Asked he he would like to sit down, the spry Harvard and Mayo Clinic-trained surgeon said, "No. All I want is a T-shirt." Runners completing the 26 miles received a Trail's End shirt, commemorating the event.

"I feel great," Hyde told The Daily Astorian later. "I ran stronger at the end of this than the Honolulu Marathon." The Hawaii race in December was Hyde's first marathon, he said; Saturday's was his second.

"It was an excellent day," Hyde continued. "I got a little cold, but I wear (extra) clothes." A runner since 1977, Hyde said he runs about 35 miles each week, using a course set up behind his house.

HYDE ADMITTED THAT it got a little lonely out on the course, as he navigated empty, rain-dampened streets alone in the dark. "But if you run as slow as I do, you run alone," he said with a chuckle.

The chamber-sponsored race marked another successful marathon, which has enjoyed a reputation for years as a first-class running event.

"It's my favorite marathon," Heath said after his victory. "I like this course better than any other. I imagine I'll be back next year."

Other runners echoed Heath throughout the afternoon. "It's sure a nice marathon," said Randy Lindsay, 28, of Manitou Springs, Colo. "It's a really nice course. And it's neat to see a town get so excited about it."

Runners praised the annual improvement in the race organization, such as immediate computerized race results, and efficient medical personnel experienced in marathon-related medical problems.

Peter Ter Har, president of the Seaside Boosters, a branch of the chamber, attributed the race's continued success to experience and reputation. "You get the same people working every year," he said. "It goes really smooth."

Ter Har said race organizers implement improvements each year to increase efficiency and to maintain a quality marathon. In addition to large digital clocks at the finish and the 13-mile mark, bullhorns were added this year, Ter Har said, to let runners know their times as they traversed the course.

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SEASIDE — Most runners agree that anyone who completes a marathon is a winner, no matter the finishing time.

Dr. Theodore Hyde demonstrated that maxim at Saturday's Trail's End Marathon. Although the 77-year-old surgeon took just over 7½ hours to complete the course, his reception at the awards ceremony outshone the winners'.

Even so, many runners went unnoticed Saturday, as they wobbled and weaved their way across the North Prom finish line, long after the hundreds of cheering spectators had retired to warmer quarters, and long after faster competitors had returned to the warmth of the convention center.

Small groups of people huddled on the darkened Prom, shivering in the drizzle as they waited for friends and relatives to run into sight.

A few people worried, such as one group that could find no information about a father, presumably still out on the course.

Others laughed and cheered as they spied a friend limping down the walkway, determined to cross the finish line — long since removed by race workers.

ONE OF THOSE finishers, 36-year-old Judy Harvey, from Coupeville, Wash., giggled hysterically as friends helped her across the Turnaround.

"It's a great experience that everyone should have," she gasped, adding with a laugh, "just like childbirth."

Noting proudly her 5:06:21 finishing time, Mrs. Harvey said the race was her second marathon. "But it was my hardest," she added.



Dr. Theodore Hyde

"Just like childbirth."

Clutching a tiny trophy commemorating her completing the 26 miles and 385 yards, Mrs. Harvey talked of the small victories along the way, such as giving her socks to 12-year-old Jonathan Eatherly of Puyallup, Wash., — the youngest runner in the race.

"I gave him my socks," she said, raising a foot to reveal sockless ankles, "and got a hat from some guy standing on the sidelines," to give to the boy.

Asked if she would run the race again, Mrs. Harvey replied, "Yes. But this time I'll train."

The third-grade teacher said she planned to celebrate her victory by "fighting our way into the Jacuzzi at the motel," and reminiscing about the day's events.

As Mrs. Harvey's friends led her away, two local runners approached the end of the race, drawing cheers from the few remaining spectators.

Seaside City Councilman John Corkrey, coming in just under 5:10, led his wife, Roni, to her first marathon "victory" — only seconds behind him.

"I couldn't believe it," the five-time marathoner said. "She shuffled right on through." She never wanted to walk, he said, adding, "I was the one who wanted to walk."

AFTER THE LAST of the runners had passed the nearly deserted Prom, leaving Hyde the lone runner out on the course, one small group remained on the darkened walkway, watching for stragglers.

No, they weren't waiting for anybody in particular, Linda Loffelmacher, Tillamook, said. In fact, her husband, Terry, standing beside her, had completed the race two hours earlier.

The Loffelmachers, with children Shannon and Chris, were waiting, she said, to cheer on runners who came in alone.

It's sad, Mrs. Loffelmacher explained, to watch people work so hard, finish the race, and have no one to hold them up, give them warm clothes or cheer them.

Although she doesn't run herself, she said she enjoys playing the support role. "I just hold the sweats," she explained.

But she loves watching the marathons Terry enters, she said. "It's just probably as exciting as running. You just live for every moment, watch every face."

As the last clusters of people walked away from the Prom, and a brisk wind came in from the ocean, the Loffelmachers took one last look down the dark stretch.

"Well, I guess that's all of them," they said, moving on.

All except Hyde.



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Runner Marcus Mayfield of Ashland needed a little help from his brother, Matt, and friend Jane Motley to put on his sweat pants after finishing the marathon Saturday.

Marathon was good business for downtown

SEASIDE — Worried Broadway merchants enjoyed a welcome respite from a severe economic slump Saturday, as hordes of marathon visitors clogged shops and restaurants in the downtown business district.

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a quality marathon. In addition to large digital clocks at the finish and the 13-mile mark, bullhorns were added this year, Ter Har said, to let runners know their times as they traversed the course.

But officials credited the runners, too, for a successful race. "We had more excitement from non-marathon related-cases," than from running problems, Ron Day of Medix Ambulance Service, noting a spectators' case of hypothermia and an automobile accident in Gearhart. Day said the runners seemed well-prepared for the chilly weather.

Floyd Pittard, chief of Seaside's volunteer fire department, said people seemed well-prepared on the whole. "I saw more gloves and hats than in years past," he said.

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"We're seeing a lot of tourists . . . come down to watch," he said. "They haven't really had a chance to come down here" because of bad weather throughout January and February. The race provided a good excuse to come to Seaside, he said.

Allen Erikson, owner of Seaside Agate and Gift Shop, said business seemed better Saturday than during previous marathons.

"It's been pretty slow all winter," Erikson said. "For a while, people were afraid to let go of a dollar." But, he added, Saturday's visitors were spending money, and helping to make up for the slow start.

Calling this winter's business "terrible," Paul and Aurora Jones, owners of Sea Trader Imports, said business was "pretty much the same" this weekend compared with previous marathon weekends.

But Mrs. Jones noted a sharp contrast between Saturday's sales and the slump Broadway merchants have found themselves in all winter.

"We've been here 18 years, and this year is the slowest," she said. "It's not only the economy, but the weather's been so bad."

Phillips said more people were milling around than last year, and noted higher-than-usual candy sales.

Race organizers said the turnout for the race, while slow during registration, was excellent. Of the 2,031 runners entered, 1,758 picked up their race packets at the start of the run, which constituted a higher percentage than last year, Seaside Chamber of Commerce member Ken Karge said.

In addition, more than 1,200 turned out for the chili feed and awards ceremony at the convention center, which Seaside Boosters President Peter Ter Har said was an increase over last year.

While many merchants said it was business as usual for a marathon day, all agreed it was a prosperous day on Broadway.



The 1,758 marathoners attracted "a lot of tourists," many of whom were spending money. The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Soviet craft lands on Venus

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet space probe made a soft landing on the planet Venus today and was sending back photographs and information from soil samples, the official news agency Tass reported.

The Soviets and the United States have previously landed unmanned space probes on Venus, the nearest planet to Earth. Tass said a second module is due to land on Venus Friday.

Tass said a module descended from the unmanned Venus 13 spacecraft early this morning after a four-month flight.

"The results of the new cosmic experiment will significantly widen the information about the planet nearest to the Earth," Tass said. The news agency said the probe had already sent back photographs and scooped up a soil sample.

The descent vehicle transmitted information from the surface of the planet for 127 minutes today, according to Tass.

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Following are top finishers in Saturday's 13th annual Trail's End Marathon:

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WOMEN'S OPEN — 1 Gail Volk, Seattle, 2 41 21 2 Linda J Edgar, Federal Way, Wash , 2·44 25, 3. Ann Farrington, Seattle, 2 46·20.

MALES 13 AND UNDER — 1 Jay Nelson, Charleston, 4·18 53, 2 David Zaback, Portland, 4:35:52; 3 Lance Leudtke, Portland, 4 36 02

MALES 14-18 — 1. John A DeForest, Seattle, 2·36 54, 2 Scott Sylvester, Wenatchee, Wash , 2 45·43, 3 Andrew McClung, Cheney, Wash , 2.46.08

FEMALES 14-18 1 Carolyn Mehaffey, Seattle, 3 06 30, 2. Krista Watson, Lynnwood, Wash , 3·50.49, 3. Rhonda Stoller, Prineville, 4 11.04

MALES 19-29 — 1 Terry Heath, Post Falls, 2.21·16, 2 Joseph Stewart, Kelso, 2:23 48, Richard Recker, Portland, 2·26 18.

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MALES 30-39 — 1. Phillip D Welch, Seattle, 2·28.54; 2. David B. Hayes, Grangeville, Idaho, 2·31·09, 3 Patrick Meyer, Astoria, 2 34:36.

FEMALES 30-39 1 Linda J Edgar, Federal Way, Wash , 2·44 25; 2. Patty Corbally, Salem, 2·49·54, 3 Donna J Hatfield, Portland, 2 56 41.

MALES 40-49 — 1 James A Bowers, Santa Rosa, Calif , 2·23 58, 2. Maurice F. Pratt, Federal Way, Wash , 2 38 10, 3. Reed M Miller, Longview, Wash., 2.38·17.

FEMALES 40-49 — 1 Sue W Lee, Lafayette, Calif , 3 06.43, Rose Gardner, Tacoma, 3 19.37, 3. Nancy Hellyer, Stellacoom, Wash , 3 32 04

MALES 50-59 — 1. Donald R. Wilson, Portland, 2 55 28, 2 Wesley S Anderson, Olympia, 2·56·37; 3. Al Becken, San Antonio, Texas. 2.56·47

FEMALES 50-59 — 1. Alice Turowski, Portland, 3 22.45, 2. Elizabeth L Lathrop, Gig Harbor, Wash , 3 42·02, 3 Harriet Wilson, Eugene, 4 04.57

MALES 60-69 — 1 John K Arthur, Portland, 3 01.06, 2 Sverre Hietanen, Vancouver, B C , 3.01:47; 3. Dick Bartholomew, Seattle, 3 09·57

FEMALES 60-69 — 1. Josephine Hess, Selah, Wash., 3.54 28.

MALE RACEWALKER — 1. Dan Pierce, Seattle, 3 54 03.

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Not Too Long Ago

By Roger Tetlow



Dawn of the tourist era

The first automobiles began rolling into Astoria during the spring of 1921. There had been automobiles coming in before that, of course, but that was the year the first big migration of the touring autoist began streaming into the Lower Columbia area to enjoy vacations on the Oregon and Washington beaches.

Driving tin lizzies, flivvers and touring cars, a new breed of vacationer suddenly appeared on the primitive highways that year. They came with their cars piled high with camping equipment, food, cooking utensils, and with the kids perched high on the load. They were families, traveling together, intent on seeing new places, independent of train or steamboat schedules.

They came from Portland and the Willamette Valley, traveling down the new Columbia River Highway. And they traveled from Olympia and Seattle, bumping their way across the planked roads into the Long Beach area. The coastal tourist business was never the same again.



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Tin lizzies and flivvers crowd Pacific Avenue in Long Beach.

THERE WERE A number of reasons for this new development. The war had been over for three years and the nation was getting back to normalcy. New highways were being built and designed for the traveler rather than for the farmer, stressing scenery and comfort rather than just utility. And for the first time, the average workingman had enough money to buy a car and enough time to take a real vacation.

And at the same time, there were a number of individuals who had foreseen this development and made plans to take advantage of it.

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BUT THERE WERE no motels in those days and no franchised campgrounds. The hotels and resorts were geared to handle another type of traveler and about the only places the new tourist could stay was on farmlands and beaches. Businessmen in the small resort communities knew they had to do something to bring the tourist into town.

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Of course, many of the summer-home owners and permanent residents fought the new migration, appalled at the idea of their genteel, restful summers being disturbed by hordes of common campers using their beaches and their scenic places. But, Joe Knowles, the famous nature painter, fought them by saying in a letter to The Pacific Tribune: "The home and the garden spot may belong to the owner but the ocean beach and

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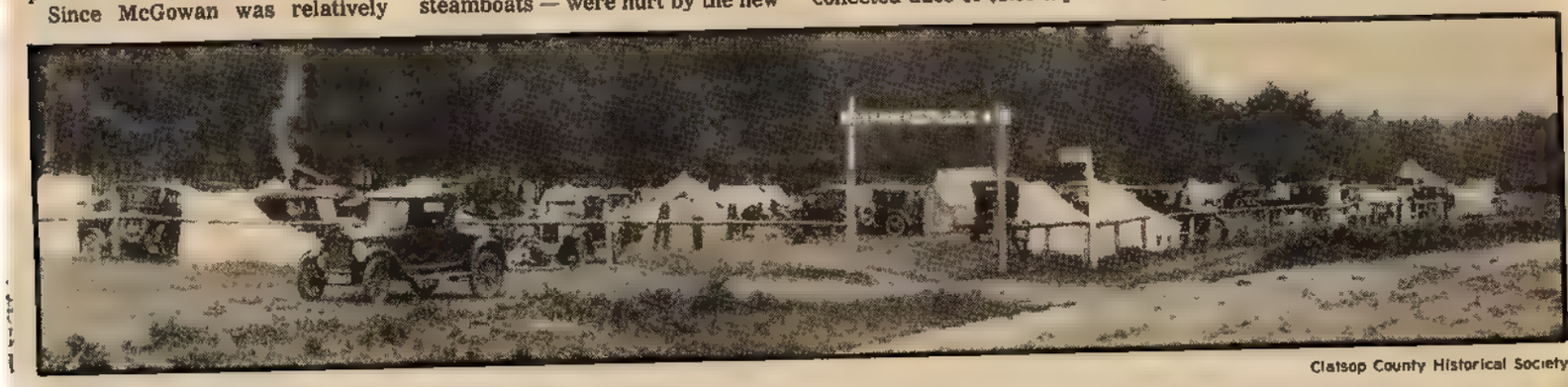
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To raise money, the association collected dues of $2.50 a year. They also put on a dance and basket social at Sylvan Hall in Long Beach, an event that raised nearly $500. The Row Theater donated one night's receipts, and other benefit dances and events added to the money needed to complete the new facility.

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The new auto campground at Seaview, Wash., in 1921



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"Word is leaking out that now not only the governor but the Legislature as well wants business in the state," Gov. Vic Atiyeh said Tuesday.

Wants Congress to reduce deficit

Atiyeh sees economic upturn

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

Gov. Vic Atiyeh predicted Tuesday that the state's economy will begin to recover soon, adding that Congress can speed up the process if it "gets control of the deficit."

Speaking to an Astoria Lions Club dinner audience Tuesday, Atiyeh said the biggest roadblock to a resurgence of the state's economy is the huge federal deficit proposed in President Reagan's 1983 budget.

When Atiyeh spoke to an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce audience Oct. 20, 1981, he said "Reaganomics" needed to be given a fair chance. He made it plain Tuesday he had given the president's economic policies as much chance as he could.

Atiyeh noted that he traveled to Washington, D.C., in January to meet with Reagan and with the president's top economic advisers. The governor said he presented his view then that high interest rates were "stifling the economy" — interest rates forced up by federal government borrowing to support deficit budgets.

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Wants Congress to reduce deficit

Atiyeh sees economic upturn

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

Gov. Vic Atiyeh predicted Tuesday that the state's economy will begin to recover soon, adding that Congress can speed up the process if it "gets control of the deficit."

Speaking to an Astoria Lions Club dinner audience Tuesday, Atiyeh said the biggest roadblock to a resurgence of the state's economy is the huge federal deficit proposed in President Reagan's 1983 budget.

When Atiyeh spoke to an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce audience Oct. 20, 1981, he said "Reaganomics" needed to be given a fair chance. He made it plain Tuesday he had given the president's economic policies as much chance as he could.

Atiyeh noted that he traveled to Washington, D.C., in January to meet with Reagan and with the president's top economic advisers. The governor said he presented his view then that high interest rates were "stifling the economy" — interest rates forced up by federal government borrowing to support deficit budgets.

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The state's economy will eventually rebound, the governor said, and Congress can only speed it up. Saying his economic advisers believe the recession in Oregon already has bottomed out, or will by May, Atiyeh predicted recovery to 1979 levels by late 1983 or early 1984.

Much of the credit for that resurgence should go to his economic recovery package, Atiyeh said, a package which "the Legislature passed almost intact."

Provisions Atiyeh proposed in his Jan. 18 state of the state address included spending $2.3 million to get things moving. The Legislature trimmed that, Atiyeh said, "to just over $2 million."

Some $500,000 went to the County Revolving Loan Fund to help communities stimulate development. The Department of Land Conservation and Development got $180,547 to hire staff members to help get local governments' land-use plans completed and approved "so we can put that to bed, finally."

An extra $308,000 went to the state Department of Economic Development (DED) to hire three business advocates to represent in state agency circles any major businesses that want to locate in the state. The money also is intended to set up a computerized developable lands inventory and a program to attract movie producers to the state.

An additional $500,000 is to go to the State System of Higher Education to pay for offering high technology courses that could train Oregonians "in the type of industry we want to attract," Atiyeh said.

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Dolores Atiyeh finds Astoria captivating

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Until Tuesday, the governor's wife always thought she had a mechanic's touch.

But it failed her yesterday, when she was detained in an Astoria motel room bathroom when a stubborn door lock wouldn't budge. Talking to the locksmith working to free her, Dolores Atiyeh said she had always considered herself something of a mechanic.

But Mrs. Atiyeh's skills weren't evident Tuesday. Her attempt to extricate herself with tools passed under the bathroom door was unsuccessful.

"Nothing would work," said Astoria locksmith Ed Hauer, who estimated it took 15 to 20 minutes to rescue the governor's wife. "A deadlock latch bolt on the bathroom door malfunctioned."

Hauer said Mrs. Atiyeh is "a very, very nice lady" with a delightful sense of humor. The governor's wife conversed through the door with Hauer as he was working, making light of the situation, he said.

"We had a lot of fun," Hauer said today.

The locksmith said he hadn't planned on mentioning his special assignment Tuesday evening until told the governor himself referred to it in a speech at Astoria Golf and Country Club.

"I wasn't going to say anything, she was so nice about everything," Hauer said. "She's a jewel."

Hauer freed the governor's wife in time for her to make her dinner date at the country club to hear her husband speak.

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$600 million in state spending in 1979, a year when economic conditions were normal. He claimed his first state budget proposal amounted to an increase over the previous budget of just 8 percent, when state budget increases for the previous decade had averaged 20 percent.

Admitting that "it may seem like I'm preening my own feathers," Atiyeh said the Department of Human Resources now is spending $450 million less than it was two years ago, without harming services to the truly needy. Atiyeh said that was especially important to him because it was in Human Resources' welfare and other programs where "costs can be the most uncontrolled."

The state Department of General Services' new director, Atiyeh said, has saved $46 million.

State government vehicles, he said, used less gas in 1981 than in 1980.

"THERE ARE 2,400 fewer state employees this January than when I took office," Atiyeh said.

Atiyeh didn't mention Tongue Point, though some Astorians had expected an announcement about the state-owned development site east of Astoria.

Earlier in the day, Atiyeh had told The Daily Astorian, "In this area, we're right on the edge of something that could be positive.

"I'm talking now specifically of Astoria. There's no question in terms of the long range that Astoria is in as good a shape as almost any other community I can think of off hand.

"One way or another, something's going to happen, whether it's corn or coal...we have Tongue Point; we have a couple of prospects there...you still have the Y property, and the property at the airport...you have industrial development land close to the water, and I don't know how you can beat a deal like that."

5-10-82



Salmon Run 5 miles this year

You've still got time to get limbered up for the third annual Salmon Run May 23, but be prepared — this year's course is a little longer.

The race, held the last day of Maritime Week, will be 5 miles long this year. It again will begin in the parking lot of Hauke's Sentry Market, 3300 Leif Erikson Drive, but this year will end at the Astoria Yacht Club on Youngs Bay.

The hilly course takes runners up 33rd Street and then winds to Irving Street, following Irving to Eighth Street. The course jogs up Eighth to Kensington, then winds through the west hills of Astoria, emptying onto West Marine Drive at Denver and following Marine Drive east to finish at the Yacht Club.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. in the Hauke's parking lot. The race will begin at 1 p.m. Salmon run T-shirts will be awarded in six men's and six women's divisions and ribbons will be given to all runners. No entry fee is charged.

The race is sponsored by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department, The Daily Astorian, the Columbia River Maritime Museum and Nike.

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Maritime museum opens new building Tuesday

The public will get its first look inside the Columbia River Maritime Museum's new quarters Tuesday, when the museum opens its doors at 4 p.m.

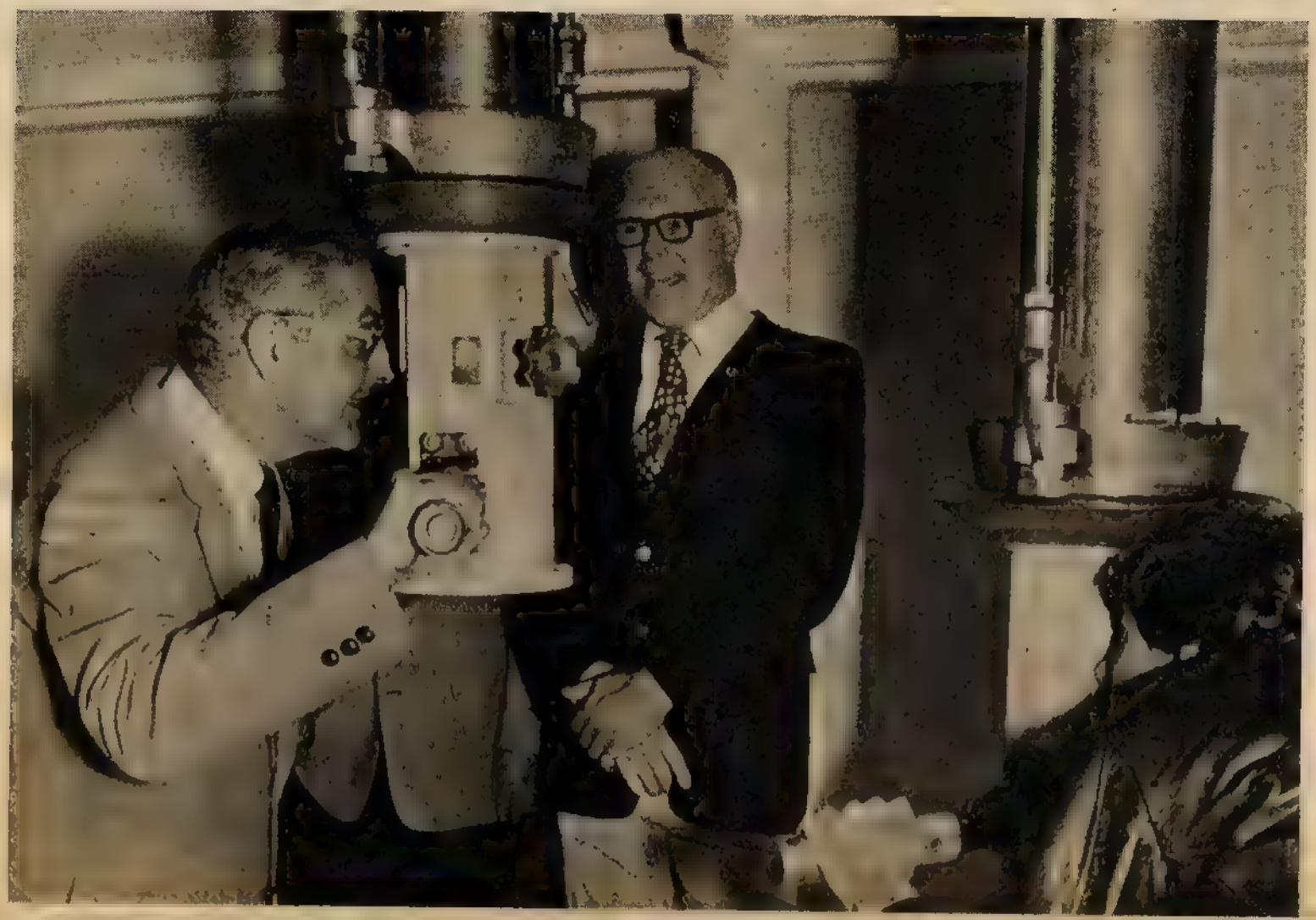
The 37,000-square-foot building, opened after an 11-year campaign to gather $2.6 million in private contributions, will be formally dedicated by Gov. Vic Atiyeh in a by-invitation-only ceremony at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The new building, at the foot of 17th Street near the cutter Yocona-Lightship Columbia dock, contains 25,000 square feet of exhibit space arranged in seven thematic galleries and one "great hall," in which half a dozen craft are displayed under a ceiling that arches to 53 feet above.

Emphasis throughout the exhibit area, Museum Director Michael Naab said, is on dramatic display and logical presentation of the history which individual artifacts represent.

The Astoria museum, Naab said, is as significant as any on the West Coast. And, unlike other maritime museums, the Columbia River Maritime Museum was built without a penny of public money, he added.

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After delivering the dedication speech, Gov. Vic Atiyeh had a close look into one of the exhibits. Watching him peer into the periscopes of the USS Rasher is shipwreck book author Don Marshall of Astoria.

Praise hails museum's opening

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

Hundreds of people attended the dedication of the Columbia River Maritime Museum Tuesday, and there were an equal number of expressions of awe and appreciation of the exhibits inside the Astoria waterfront structure.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh, given a guided tour following his dedication speech, said he was "astounded" by the size of the collection and the dramatic way it was displayed.

"There aren't many reasons just now to be glad I'm governor," Atiyeh said in his speech, "but this (dedicating the museum) is one of them."

Praising museum founder Rolf Klep, who died last September, Atiyeh said few museum visitors will know of the work Klep and others performed to establish the museum. But, he added, those visitors will enjoy and be enriched by that work.

References to Klep were numerous during the official remarks, before Atiyeh cut a red ribbon leading to the exhibit galleries.

J.W. "Bud" Forrester Jr., president of the museum's board of trustees, spoke of Klep's determination and zeal in establishing the museum. "Rolf was so determined," he quipped, "I thought to myself he'll probably be here today."

City Manager Dale Curry, examining a 20-millimeter gun like those he operated during his own service days, remembered Klep as a man almost obsessed with the museum idea. "Rolf was a guy

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One of the museum's first visitors examines a gillnet boat in the "great hall" while others take a look from the gallery's balcony.



Staff illustration by TED REEVES

KING-SIZED DOME — Lava dome inside crater of Mount St. Helens measures 680 feet high — taller than any building in Portland, as this drawn-to-scale illustration shows. It would take 39½ boxcars, each 53 feet long, to reach from one end of the 2,080-foot base to the other. Inset photo of the dome was taken May 15 by Terry Leighly of U.S. Geological Survey. Latest eruption did not raise the dome.

Friends, foes philosophize, but Skoko silent on primary loss

By VINCE KOHLER
of The Oregonian staff

OREGON CITY — His friends say he didn't try hard enough this time, and his foes suggest he had lost touch with the voters. But whatever the reason, Clackamas County Commissioner Stan Skoko's defeat in Tuesday's primary election ends another phase in the career of one of Oregon's most durable and controversial politicians.

In search of an unprecedented sixth term on the county commission, Skoko, 68, finished third in a field of six candidates in the Democratic primary.

During the campaign, Skoko charged he was the target of a plot to cut him off from the workings of county government. He has quarreled frequently with fellow Commissioners Ralph Groener and Robert Schumacher and refused to sign some board orders or vote on some commission business. Skoko also has opposed major development projects in the county.

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and former state legislator.

"He relied on the fact that he would get four or five others fighting for the nomination and not have to do much," Harlan said. "Skoko was not discussing the issues at all. He was relying on being 'the watchdog,' thinking that by criticizing things and proposing nothing, people would elect him. They want more than that now."

Harlan captured 28 percent of the Democratic vote on election night, against 17 percent for Skoko. In second place with 21 percent was Duane Bock, a videotape producer and former television news anchorman making his first try for elective office.

Harlan will face Bev Henderson, a Lake Oswego City Council member, in the November general election.

Voting summaries indicate a disintegration of Skoko's customary following, with his traditional rural strongholds defecting to Harlan and Bock.

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"His constant negativism is what did it," Schumacher said. "I think the voters just got sick and tired of it. People don't care if you vote no, but they want you to have reasons."

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In his numerous campaigns, Skoko traditionally filed at the last minute and remained low-key, relying on name familiarity and the odds that crowded tickets would split in his favor.

This year, Skoko raised virtually no money and did little active campaigning. The inactivity proved politically fatal, said Gordon Tuor of West Linn, Skoko's campaign treasurer.

"I don't think Stan was really as interested in it as he could have been. He didn't put on too good a campaign. And I don't think he was at all surprised," Tuor said. "I don't think he's badly disappointed. And I'm not."

Dale Harlan, who won the Democratic nomination, believes Skoko had lost touch with a changing and more politically aware electorate in a rapidly urbanizing county.

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Private firms donate $130,000 to governors' conference; state off hook

SALEM (AP) — More than enough money has been raised from private industry to pay for the Western Governors' Conference June 2-5 at Salishan Lodge on the Oregon Coast, Gov. Vic Atiyeh's office said Friday.

"We haven't turned down any donations, but we don't need any more," said Denny Miles, the governor's administrative assistant for communications. "We've stopped solicitations."

He said more than $130,000 has been raised from private industry. The budget for the four-day meeting is $120,000, Miles said. Money left over could be used for next year's conference or possibly to pay Atiyeh's travel expenses if he is elected chairman of the conference. Atiyeh is vice chairman and, by tradition, he should take over the reins of the group at the close of the Salishan meeting.

The Western Governors' Conference includes the chief executives of 14 states and three Pacific island territories. About 250 people are expected to attend the Salishan meeting to discuss housing and the economy, the federal budget and food production in the West.

The governors of California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona won't be in attendance, Miles said. Plans to include representatives of western Canadian provinces in the meeting have been dropped because of scheduling conflicts, he added.

Atiyeh suggested private industry pay for the conference because he didn't want to burden Oregon taxpayers with the cost, Miles said.

Miles said the only direct cost Oregon taxpayers will have to bear for the Salishan conference will be the salaries of Atiyeh's staff that has been asked to prepare for the meeting. The conference plans to pay for the overtime hours worked by state police who provide security for the conference, Miles said.

Because the group is affiliated with the Council of State Governments, contributions made to the meeting are tax deductible, Miles said.

The biggest contributor was Pacific Northwest Bell, which was credited with a $10,000 donation to the meeting. Nine companies donated $5,000 each, including Evans Products Co., Hewlett Packard, First Interstate Bank, Tektronix, U.S. Bancorp, Pacific Power & Light Co., Atlantic Richfield Co., Lane Publishing Co. and Shell Oil Co.

Miles said part of the reason private industry was asked to foot the bill was to show the world that Oregon is economically viable and interested in attracting new development.

Even companies that have had to lay off employees because of hard economic times were among the contributors. Hanna Industries, which recently shut down its Oregon nickel mine, gave $1,250. Freightliner Corp., a truck manufacturer that has announced layoffs, gave $1,000.

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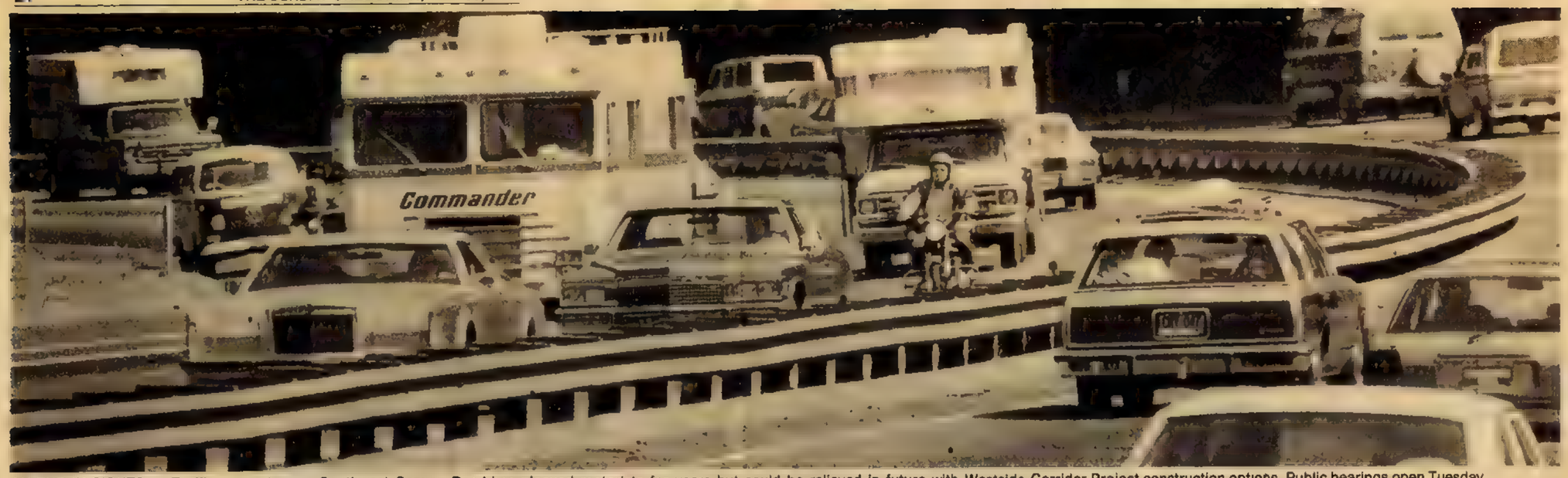
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AN END IN SIGHT? — Traffic congestion on Southwest Canyon Road has plagued motorists for years but could be relieved in future with Westside Corridor Project construction options. Public hearings open Tuesday.

Public gets chance to contribute to transportation planning

By STAN FEDERMAN
of The Oregonian staff

After years of work by regional planners, it's time for the public to tell them what it wants in the way of transportation improvements for the Westside Corridor Project between downtown Portland and Washington County.

Four construction options — plus a "no-build" alternative — will be presented at a hearing Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital.

The two-stage hearing will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Souther Auditorium at the east end of the hospital.

Detailed information about the five plans will be available in adjoining rooms. Individuals can express their views either by addressing the public sessions or through written testimony.

The hearing will focus on a combination of suggested transit and highway improvements aimed at relieving traffic congestion on such heavily traveled arterials as Southwest Canyon Road, Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, the Sunset Highway (U.S. 26) and Oregon 217.

In the past 25 years, the formerly quiet countryside west of Portland has become one of the fastest-growing areas in the Pacific Northwest.

New highways have been built in recent years and bus service has been expanded, but the area's growth has outstripped such efforts at improved transportation. Morning and evening rush-hour traffic has been called "a hell on wheels" for auto and bus commuters alike.

Regional planners note that a $60 million road-development program has already been initiated to expand the capacity of westside streets and highways. But they point out that new roads alone cannot accommodate all future travel. They argue that a blend of highway and transit improvements is needed.

"The money is in hand, and the preliminary planning work is done," said Rick Gustafson, executive officer of the Metropolitan Service District, which oversees transportation planning in the tri-county area. "Now, we need a public consensus."

Bill Lieberman, Tri-Met's project director for the westside corridor work, thinks all jurisdictions involved will choose an improvement option by midsummer.

"It's very possible we'll have a definite alternative plan under way by fall," he told the Tri-Met board of directors.

Local agencies recently received a letter of intent from the U.S. Department of Transportation promising release in the next six years of some $78.6 million in transportation funds. Of that, some $44 million is committed to the Westside Corridor Project. That money, however, would meet only a fraction of the cost of the more ambitious plans under consideration.

The "no-build" option has been dubbed the "easiest way out" by Gustafson. However, he noted, it also would mean increased dependence on the automobile, and no improvements in the capacity or coverage of Tri-Met.

Planners emphasize that the no-build alternative would mean buses would continue to operate in mixed traffic and would be subject to even greater delays because of ever-increasing traffic congestion.

Under a no-build decision, planners say, a bus ride between Portland and Beaverton that now takes 37 minutes would jump to 59 minutes by 1995 without any transit improvements.

Two of the construction options would include such improvements.

One would involve doubling Tri-Met bus service over existing and new routes. The other would feature a Sunset Highway "busway" consisting of two 7.2-mile inbound and outbound bus lanes from downtown Portland to Beaverton along U.S. 26 and Oregon 217.

Two other "build" options call for construction of a light-rail line between downtown Portland and Beaverton.

One of the proposed routes, called the "Sunset" line, would follow a 12.2-mile path roughly parallel with the Sunset Highway and Burlington Northern Railroad tracks that would carry it to developing areas west of Beaverton. The plan also would consider building a tunnel for the rail line under the West Hills to shorten its route.

The other possible light-rail route, dubbed the "Multnomah" line, would cover 15.5 miles on a route beside Southwest Macadam Avenue, Interstate 5, Southwest Multnomah Boulevard and an abandoned Oregon Electric Railroad right of way. It also would extend west of Beaverton.

Price tags for the four build options range from an estimated $80 million for simple bus expansion to about $307 million for the Multnomah light-rail alternative. The Sunset light-rail line would cost upwards of $236 million.

Such a line would be the second in the Portland area. Construction will begin this summer on a 15-mile line between Gresham and downtown Portland.

Tot searchers 'at wits' end'

LINCOLN CITY — Saying they were "at wits' end," Oregon State Police troopers Friday evening ended the second day of a land-and-water search for a 4-year-old diabetic boy who disappeared Thursday afternoon.



Willie Speight wandered away from the B'nai B'rith campground where his mother, Susan J. Miller, of Otis, was playing tennis with a friend at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

By Saturday, ground search crews had "covered all probable areas about three times," State Police Lt. Mel Cofer said. He said the ground search

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By Saturday, ground search crews had "covered all probable areas about three times," State Police Lt. Mel Cofer said. He said the ground search would not be continued, although one boat would continue to survey nearby Devils Lake.

More than 50 volunteers joined police and firefighters Friday, combing a square-mile area near the camp for the boy. Relatives say that without medication the boy could drift into a coma and die.

"We've exhausted most of the possibilities in locating the boy and are at wits' end at this time," Cofer said after six divers probed the murky waters of the lake Friday. The divers said their visibility was limited to less than 2 feet and reported a heavy layer of sediment on the lake bottom as they searched under boat docks.

State police issued an all-points bulletin for Willie on the possibility that he had been kidnapped. "We're not ruling anything out," Senior Trooper Edward Daugherty said.

But a tracking dog brought to the scene Thursday by Florence Police Chief Jim Shaw persisted on a route from a wooded grove near the tennis court to the lakeshore. A woman who lives next to the lake reported she saw a small boy standing on a dock as she left to go shopping Thursday but assumed his parents were nearby.

Mary Miller, the boy's grandmother, said Willie has received insulin shots twice a day since he was 5 months old. Lack of food and insulin would result in drowsiness and finally a deep coma, she said.

Posters of the boy were being distributed in the coastal town, with a message appealing for information. Willie was last seen wearing a blue Superman T-shirt, blue jeans with a roller-skate insignia on a back pocket and brown tennis shoes with orange stripes.

Doctor describes new disease aids

By ANN SULLIVAN
of The Oregonian staff

New drugs and sophisticated new diagnostic tools are encouraging medical researchers and the victims of movement disorders, a Canadian doctor said in Portland.

The physician, Donald B. Calne, spoke in Portland at the Parkinson's Day dinner being sponsored Wednesday by the Willamette Columbia Parkinsonian Society. Calne is head of the division of neurology and professor of medicine at the Health Sciences Center Hospital of the University of British Columbia.

Calne also spoke in sessions of the Neurological Sciences Center, which is associated with Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic disease of the nervous system characterized by tremors, rigidity of limbs and slowness and difficulty moving. It is slowly progressive and usually not predominant until a person is 50 or over. It affects about one in 1,000 people.

Calne described a new group of drugs called ergot derivatives that can be used to treat Parkinson's disease. They include bromocriptine, lisuride and pergolide. Only the first has FDA prescription approval in the United States, he said in an interview Thursday.

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The plan also would consider building a tunnel for the rail line under the West Hills to shorten its route.

The other possible light-rail route, dubbed the "Multnomah" line, would cover 15.5 miles on a route beside Southwest Macadam Avenue, Interstate 5, Southwest Multnomah Boulevard and an abandoned Oregon Electric Railroad right of way. It also would extend west of Beaverton.

Price tags for the four build options range from an estimated $80 million for simple bus expansion to about $307 million for the Multnomah light-rail alternative. The Sunset light-rail line would cost upwards of $236 million.

Such a line would be the second in the Portland area. Construction will begin this summer on a 15-mile line between Gresham and downtown Portland.

REACH

Imaginative mall builds firm's image

By STAN FEDERMAN
of The Oregonian staff

For residents of Portland, the completion in 1978 of the 22-block Portland Mall heralded a new era of downtown development.

For the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which designed the mall, it marked the beginning of a series of similar commissions that made it a leader in the field of mall design.

The firm's design, which won a National Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects in 1979, has made Portland's transit mall a must visit for officials of American cities interested in developing similar projects.

Those officials often end up hiring Skidmore, Owings & Merrill to design a mall for them.

For example, the firm recently won the design contract for an $8.6 million transit mall in Charlotte, N.C. It will feature a "town square" built on the site of the city's original crossroads and will be highlighted by a 120-foot clock tower.

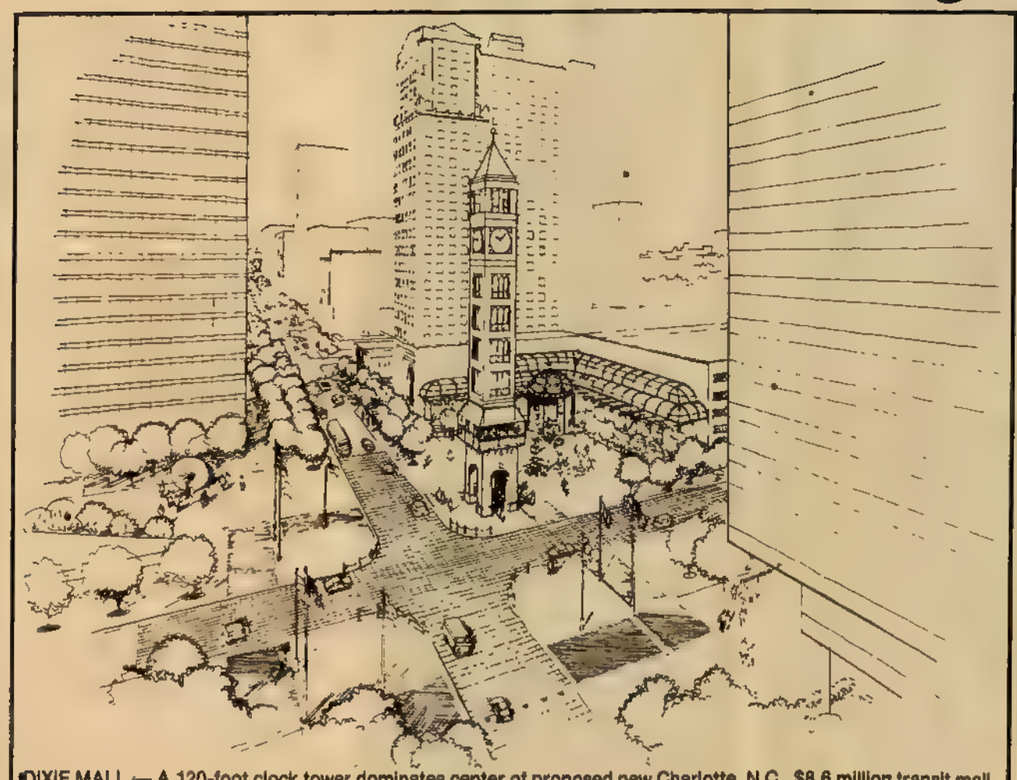
The architectural company, which boasts 1,900 employees in nine national offices including Portland, is involved in similiar urban developments in Seattle, Salt Lake City and Long Beach, Calif.

In recent years, it also has designed urban parks and plazas in Washington, D.C., Chicago and Alberta, N.M., as well as other major open-space developments around the world.

Officials of the firm say that if there is a key to its success in this field, it is its belief that the downtown areas of the nation's cities will be "growth centers" for decades to come. The firm's partners also think downtown and mass transit go together like ham and eggs — and their malls are designed to elevate the bus-riding experience from a necessary evil to a preferred way of travel.

"Downtown is a place for living, working, shopping and recreation, and a well-conceived transit system contributes to this role," said Thomas J. Houha, an associate partner in the firm's Portland office.

Houha pointed out that cities such as Portland, Seattle and Denver have almost doubled their downtown office space in the past 15 years. "With all those people working downtown, you have to find ways to move them in and out," he added.



DIXIE MALL — A 120-foot clock tower dominates center of proposed new Charlotte, N.C., $8.6 million transit mall.

Howard L. McKee, another associate partner, observed that every major American city needs "a viable, healthy downtown area to grow and succeed."

And the success of each downtown area, no matter how large or small, depends on several elements, he said. These include good transit, affordable parking, well-designed streets, attractive buildings and a feeling that "someone cares about the people who work there," he said.

Houha emphasized that Skidmore, Owings & Merrill has always been excited about downtown areas, because "there is always a sense of being in the center of things when you are working on a downtown development."

The architects see a link between the mall and the city's recent downtown building boom.

"We were fortunate to design the mall at a time when Portland was rethinking its downtown growth," Houha said. "It was a time when automobiles were clogging downtown growth. There was a need for making transit work and elevating its public image."

McKee said Portland's image around the country is linked to its mall. "The city is looked upon as being highly imaginative and ready for its urban growth through the '80s," he said.

Today, features of the Portland Mall can be seen in many of the firm's design work around the country. The Charlotte mall, for example, features see-through shelters, brick sidewalks, food vendor areas and colorful art and landscaping.

The Charlotte mall also is a lesson in civic history, with attention centered around two major streets that formed the city's original crossroads, dating to Indian trails before 1760.

The mall design incorporates special lighting globes shaped in the form of a hornet's nest — a touch that "was pure Charlotte," said Houha, grinning.

He explained that during the American Revolution, the rebels who defended the city were labeled a "hornet's nest" by Lord Cornwallis, who eventually was driven out of North Carolina toward defeat and surrender at Yorktown.

Both Houha and McKee agree that designing and planning a downtown mall is one thing, but winning public approval is another.

"You usually feel like you have 500 different clients," McKee said, "mostly various organizations and city agencies, all of whom want a say in the final design work and what should go into the mall. It takes a lot of time, patience and understanding before that first shovel of dirt becomes a reality."

But Houha added that the final product always makes it "all worthwhile." And designing a city's downtown area for future generations also is a working plus, he said.

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Examing board chief sued by naturopath

SALEM (AP) — The president of a Salem naturopathic school and his brother have filed a $1.8 million defamation suit against the head of the state Board of Naturopathic Examiners.

The suit, filed last week in Marion County Circuit Court, alleges that Joseph Rombough, a Salem naturopath who is chairman of the state board, made defamatory statements about the plaintiffs, Curtis and Cary Jasper.

Curtis Jasper is president of the American College of Naturopathic Medicine in Salem. His brother is a student at the college.

The suit alleges that Rombough called Watson Walden, a Florida naturopath, and asked him "what in the world" he was doing on the college's board of directors. The suit alleges that Rombough told Walden that the school was conducting questionable examinations on young women.

The suit alleges that on a separate occasion Rombough contacted Utah naturopath Cordel Logan and told him that Cary Jasper had physically abused a patient and that his brother had overcharged patients.

The American College of Naturopathic Medicine was founded by Curtis Jasper three years ago in Willamina. The state Educational Coordinating Commission recently denied it the authority to award degrees, citing substandard curriculum, administration, faculty, finances and library resources.

The school had planned to award degrees this spring to three fourth-year students, including Cary Jasper.

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners is scheduled to meet in Portland Saturday to determine whether the college should be certified, said Don Walker, the board's executive secretary. He said members will consider a report on the school prepared by a board-appointed committee.

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Scholarship gains 2 students awards

By SHAUN POWELL
of The Oregonian staff

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"I was really surprised and honored to receive an award which so few people receive," said Blair, who gave some credit for his success to his school. "Lincoln has been an exceptional school in preparing me for college. We have many good teachers here."

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Also a 4.0 student, she is the recipient of the Spencer W. Kimball Scholarship from Brigham Young University and is president of her class.

"She's well-liked, respected and gets along well with everybody," said Don Essig, principal of North Eugene High. "I've known her for nine years, and think she's the most deserving person to receive this award."

Miss Augustine said she is "very active" in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and will attend Brigham Young to major in political science.

"I like English and literature, and I'm interested in government and history," she said. "I want to be a lawyer and become involved in government, possibly in the United Nations."

The two were chosen from 17 finalists in Oregon. This year, the Commission on Presidential Scholars selected 141 scholars, with at least two chosen from each state.

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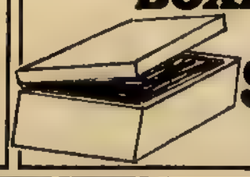
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Sea lions remain king of beach at coast caves

By STEVE ERICKSON
of The Oregonian staff

FLORENCE — The bounty on sea lions was thrown overboard years ago, and the streamlined mammals grew bountiful. Now, 50 years after the Sea Lion Caves opened for business, the leonine amphibians are being bronzed.

"A bronze sculpture of a family of sea lions — a herd bull, cow and pup" will be dedicated in late September on a "promontory overlooking the Pacific" to commemorate the operation's golden anniversary, said Tim Henson, manager of the caves.

The lifesize monument, by Eugene sculptor Ken Scott, "will give people a great perspective of just how big (sea lions) are," Henson said.

How big can exceed a ton each. How many is anybody's guess, although experts estimate the size of the central coastal pod at 200 Steller sea lions and hundreds more California sea lions, which are smaller.

"There was a bounty paid for shooting sea lions until the late 1950s because (fishermen) said they were ruining the salmon industry," Henson said. Since then, he added, research has proved that "a very small part of sea lions' diet is actually game fish," and that instead they devour "basically bottom fish and squid."

The federal Marine Mammal Act of 1972 put an end to sea lions' legal execution, but Henson noted, "We've preserved them for over 50 years" at the Sea Lion Caves, located 11 miles north of Florence.

The caves were discovered in 1880 by Capt. William Cox, a local seaman who entered the grotto in a small boat. He purchased the land from the state of Oregon in 1887. In 1927, three coastal businessmen, R.E. Clanton, J.G. Houghton and J.E. Jacobson, bought the property and "began excavating a trail and staircase for access," Henson said.

At first, the caves were accessible via a quarter-mile of steep trail and 250 stairs, but by 1961 an elevator with a 208-foot plunge had been installed.

Above the lift, visitors can view scores of sea lions basking outside the cavern. Standing on a lookout point high above the sea, they hear a guttural rumbling from a sprawl of writhing torpedoes that sounds like heavy equipment working far, far away.

Down in the caves, the racket is that of a kennel for really big dogs. Fred Bullock, a tour guide and self-proclaimed "cave man" for the past six years, said California sea lions emit "a sharp bark," the Stellers "a roar" and pups a noise "almost like a baby calf calling for its mother, saying 'Ma.'"

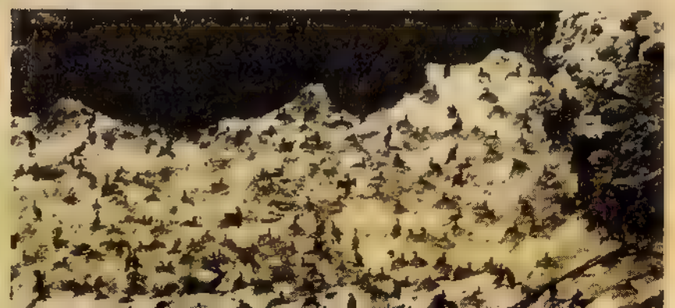
Here in the bowels of the Oregon coast, the ocean that sustains these beasts has hollowed a rotunda — "their stormy-weather home," Bullock said. "The cave itself gives them a lot of protection; no land predators can get to them.

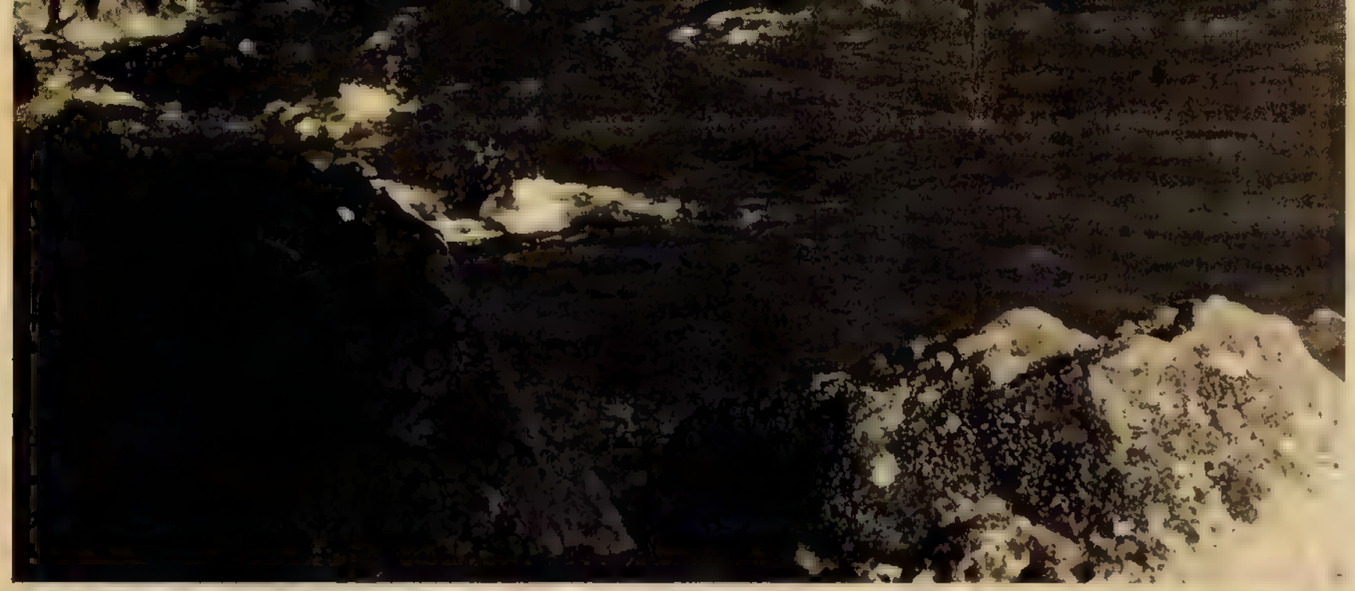
"When the weather is real nice, they move outside to the rock ledges, in the sunshine," he said. The sea lions breed and deliver their young on the open ledges.

"The killer whale is their main predator, and possibly the great white shark," Bullock said. "Usually, a killer whale will try to maim the sea lion with its tail, slow him down. Then they'll attack and eat it."

Speed and maneuverability are among sea lions' defensive gifts, Bullock said. In addition, however, "they have a teeth, head and jaw structure almost identical to the brown bear. They're quite a formidable animal — they'll kill small sharks.

"I like 'em," Bullock said. "They seem to have personalities all their own — ornery, cranky, playful. They have a definite social order, like a pecking order. From the time they're young they decide who's going to be boss."







CAVE DWELLERS — Sea lions, left, enjoy asylum of Sea Lion Caves, which have lured visitors for a half-century, while flock of ravenous cormorants, above, rests on rock ledge between harvests.



SUNNING AND SWIMMING — Safe from land and sea predators, group of sea lions, above, relaxes on rocks that are front porch of Sea Lion Caves. A more frisky comrade, right, bobs in the ocean a few feet away. .

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Ted Bugas, left, Republican state Senate candidate, and Doug Kay, Republican state House candidate, listen to Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., relate an anecdote about life in what the state's senior U.S. senator called "that madhouse in Washington."

Hatfield: Trade key to recovery

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

International trade offers the nation its best chance for security and economic recovery, Sen. Mark Hatfield said Friday in Astoria.

The Oregon Republican told an audience of about 250 that the nation's role in international trade is changing, and businesses and governments which recognize that will prosper.

Hatfield acknowledged the state of the economy nationwide is making trade proponents' job tougher.

"The temptation in a slow economy is to look only at imports, to return to protectionism." He said 189 bills presently before Congress deal with protectionism, or limiting foreign imports, in one way or another.

BUT, HATFIELD SAID, imports are only half the world trade picture. And the other half, exports, can balance the nation's trade, which in turn will strengthen the U.S. economy.

"For too long," Hatfield told his audience, composed mainly of members of the Portland and Astoria chambers of commerce, "our manufacturers sought people to buy their existing products. Now, that is passe. We have to be far more creative than that."

American manufacturers, Hatfield said, must go out in the world marketplace and ask potential customers what they can make for them.

Hatfield said the nation's security isn't threatened by dealing with "alien ideologies," as some believe. "We can find mutual benefit in doing business with communists," he said, because it strengthens Americans' understanding of those peoples.

He paraphrased a remark by President Dwight Eisenhower: "Peace is made by people, not by governments."

ON THE OTHER hand, Hatfield said, "trade can be a weapon in international politics." He added it is more frequently misused than well used, as in President Jimmy Carter's embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union.

The senator, speaking at a luncheon observing World Trade Week, said recent developments in the Northwest, and at the Port of Astoria, confirm his view that a "new era of trade" is beginning.

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Paul, Minn., barge company and a Des Moines, Iowa, grain broker in the Columbia River system provide "new expectations for economic recovery of this area."

Twin City Barge Inc. recently announced plans to move Midwest grain for export through a yard on which it has a lease option in Kennewick, Wash. AGRI Industries of Des Moines and Pan Ocean Bulk Carriers of South Korea have agreed in principal to become joint operators of the Port of Astoria's grain elevator.

Hatfield praised the Burlington Northern railroad for the part it is to play in the resurgence of the Northwest economy. But he took the opportunity "to remind them (BN officials) that they have committed themselves to upgrade their line between Portland and Astoria."

Hatfield also took the opportunity to criticize President Reagan's plan for recovering waterway maintenance costs, which he said would "mean the death knell of the Port of Portland and the Port of Astoria and most West Coast ports — that would be the result if not the intention."

Hatfield said he and other opponents of Reagan's proposal "were able to bring about a blockage" of the legislation. In its place, they're advocating a bill that would recover the government's costs in an "equitable, fair fashion, that is based not on the administration's market test, but on the principal of competition."

The Reagan administration wanted ports that require frequent dredging or channel maintenance to pay for those services by adding a surcharge on shipping that flows through those ports.

Hatfield proposed that all U.S. imports and exports pay a tonnage fee, which would go to a special fund from which waterway projects would be financed.

THAT WOULD PROVIDE 100 percent cost recovery, he said, without giving naturally deep harbors like Puget Sound and New York unfair advantage over Mississippi River and Columbia River ports.

After the luncheon, Hatfield told The Daily Astorian he has no quarrel with the waterway user fee position taken by colleague, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

"Bob opposes any waterway user fee, and I have no quarrel with that; that's a good position. But I felt like it's coming (cost recovery for waterway projects) and we ought to be on the offensive with some measure."

Hatfield said he was pleased with the support his proposal has drawn recently from Gulf Coast and Great Lakes congressmen. He said the Department of Commerce also seemed to favor his alternative. He noted commerce officials had written a letter to David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, "saying, 'we ought to junk yours and support Hatfield's.' "

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Occasionally, however, the "senatorial" robes part to reveal a man who gleefully relishes the exercise of power. This visit, Burlington Northern Railroad gave him plentiful opportunity.

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Sorry, no vacancy

Many tired campers were disappointed Friday evening when they arrived at Fort Stevens State Park, only to find there were no campsites left.

Lines of cars and campers stretched back well beyond the booth at the campground's entrance about 8 p.m., as visitors inquired about a night's stay or waited to confirm reservations.

The park's 603 campsites filled early Friday evening, said park officials who estimated that three to four people were camped at each site during the holiday weekend.

"It's been quite a few years since we filled up on Memorial Day weekend," said Jeanne Miller, park aide. And the park was full all weekend, she said.

Park visitors enjoyed a quiet, relatively uneventful weekend, Ms. Miller said, marred only by a series of "Yogi Bear" thefts — missing food and ice chests.

But such thefts "go on every big weekend," she said.

The onslaught of visitors was short lived, Ms. Miller added, noting that only "about 15" visitors would remain tonight in the park.

NORTH COAST

Sitmar passenger ship leaves good will in its wake

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The Sitmar Cruises passenger liner that slipped into Port of Astoria waters Thursday sent ripples through the local economy.

Although some of the 900 passengers aboard the Fairsea chose to take a bus tour to the Mount St. Helens area, many others took a tour of the Fort Clatsop National Memorial and south county sites or stayed in Astoria, visiting its museums and patronizing downtown businesses.

Shuttle buses delivered passengers to the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the downtown area, and many of those tourists apparently spent time — and money — cruising through Astoria shops.

MORNING STORE TRAFFIC at The Galleon was exceptionally heavy, Bobbie McCallister said, adding that she was "most pleased" with the additional business.

Lorretta Hemmert, co-owner of The Treasure Nook, estimated about 100 people from the cruise ship shopped at her store. They spent $10 to $100 each, were "very friendly" and seemed impressed with the friendliness of Astorians, she said.

The Market Place at Pier 11 also noticed a "definite" increase in business during the ship's stay, said co-owner Darrell Davis. "It was a real shot in the arm for Astoria."

Klamath House owner Joan DeVault, a potter, said business was "great" Thursday. Part of the reason was that her husband, Barry, offered shuttle trips by car to the Clatsop County Historical Museum and Klamath House on the hour and half-hour during the ship's stay.

DeVault criticized the organizers of the local tours for not including the historical museum and shops of local craftsmen. "I thought that was rather unfair."

Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce manager Jim Durham acknowledged that there was "some lack of communications with Gray Lines," which provided the shuttle buses and set up the tours. But he said port and chamber officials plan to meet with Gray Lines officials to work out more complete tours of Astoria, which would include the historical museum and the Astoria Column.

OTHER THAN THAT, Durham said, the first of six planned stopovers this summer by the Los Angeles-based company went well. He noted that TBR Co. buses arranged to make a stop near the port to pick up passengers from the ship. One of those informal tours played to standing room only, Durham said.

Port Administrative Assistant Christine Rose said the cruise ship's first stop was "very successful. All in all, we were very pleased with it and I think Sitmar was too."

Barry Rose, manager of Sitmar's passenger programs, said the town's turnout to greet the ship made the cruise passengers feel very welcome. The cruise line is "pleased to be here," he said, and hopes to continue the stops next year.

THE TURNOUT TO SEE the ship created a minor traffic jam at the port during the day. The sparkling white liner seemed to be as much an attraction to townspeople as Astoria was to the passengers.

And Sitmar passengers liked Astoria's Junior Viking Dancers, who performed aboard ship during the 10-hour stopover, so well the group has been asked to perform each time the ship stops here this summer.

Sitmar ships will return July 15, July 29, Aug. 12, Aug 26 and Sept. 9. Astoria is one of eight ports the ships visit on cruises from San Francisco to Glacier Bay, Alaska.





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Visiting tropical Astoria

Only a few passengers remained aboard Sitmar Cruises' Fairsea Thursday, soaking up sunshine on the 900-passenger ship's promenade deck while the liner was tied up at the Port of Astoria.

Others, like those at left above, visited the Astoria Column, Fort Clatsop National Memorial and Seaside by bus, took a bus tour to Mount St. Helens, or just browsed through the shops and museums in Astoria.

The Fairsea's stop, one of six scheduled for the port this summer, was a shot in the arm for the local economy. See story, Page 4.

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MOORED — Fairsea, the first ocean cruise ship to visit Astoria in six years, rests at pier. Five more visits are scheduled this summer.

900 passengers

Astoria welcomes ocean cruise ship

ASTORIA — A 900-passenger cruise ship pulled into Astoria early Thursday morning for a day of local sightseeing and, of course, a glimpse of Mount St. Helens.

This is the first of six visits to Astoria scheduled for this summer by Sitmar Cruises, a Los Angeles-based tour organizer. The ship left San Francisco June 5 and, after stops in British Columbia and Alaska, is due back in San Francisco June 19. Astoria was its last port of call.

While a Columbia River passenger cruise ship stops in Astoria every Sunday during the summer, the Sitmar cruise is the first ocean cruiser to stop in Astoria in nearly six years, according to Port Maintenance Supervisor Ike Vice. Employed by the Port of Astoria for 34 years, Vice said the historic Astoria waterfront was a primary port of call in the 1920s for steam cruisers traveling along the Pacific Coast.

Port of Astoria Executive Assistant Christine Rose attributed the main attraction for the visit as Mount St. Helens and the many historical sites around Clatsop County.

Some tour buses carried passengers for a closer view of Mount St. Helens, and others stopped at local historic sights between Astoria and Seaside. A shuttle bus was operating every 15 mintues, carrying passengers to the Columbia River Maritime Museum and downtown shops.

"We've not gone after the cruise ship market," Ms. Rose said, "but we do feel this is an offshoot of our (commercial) marketing program. We've tried to increase the level of awareness about Astoria and Clatsop County both nationally and internationally."

One passenger, looking at the fog which had settled over Astoria, said, "My wife and I, we're from Florida — the Sunshine State. I haven't been here (in the Pacific Northwwest) for 66 years, and it was raining then. I hope we can se Mount St. Helens."

The ship arrived at Pier 2 at 6:45 a.m. and departed for San Francisco in late afternoon.

A small contingency of local businessmen and women met the ship and conversed with passengers awaiting customs and immigration clearance.

The Monrovian-registered ship has a crew of 200.



GOING ASHORE — Some of the 900 passengers disembark Fairsea at Astoria Thursday. Tourists planned to visit historic Oregon sites.

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Extremely low tides to provide unique coastal viewing

By MARNIE McPHEE
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For a few days this summer, the Oregon coast will look quite different. As in late May, extremely low early morning tides are predicted for June 20-26, July 18-24 and Aug. 16-21. The low tides will expose miles of beach no one has seen for years. A record low of minus 3.1 has been predicted for Tuesday, June 22, at 7:54 a.m., and it may go lower than that.

If May's lowest tide, itself a record-breaker (minus 3.3 on the 25th), is any indication, it will be worth a special trip for each month's show. Familiar tidal areas will be almost unrecognizable: bays become vast mud flats; marshes are marooned; and the mud/sand footings under waving marsh plants are revealed like ankles one isn't supposed to see. Headlands stand taller; sandy stretches widen; and enticing rock formations become accessible.

Best of all, the low waters will uncover acres of tidepools, some housing animals — nudibranchs, red sea urchins and certain crabs — never so visible. Bring a book on tidepools and spend a few hours studying the flora and fauna of these minioceans.

But take care. These are fragile ecosystems, and even well-meaning tidepool visitors can do damage unknowingly. This is why Gov. Vic Atiyeh declared May 24-June 26 "Tidepool Conservation Month."

To preserve these important habitats, avoid collecting or moving anything except edibles you take with you. Don't take the inedibles: the green, orange and brown beauties will lose their appeal and gain in odor when dead and dried. Also, intertidal plants and animals live under very specific growing conditions. If you pick anything up, return it to the exact place and position in which you found it. If you turn over any rocks, even while clamming, leave them as you originally found them or you may kill everything that calls those rocks home. After you've finished clamming, fill in your holes and replace rocks, or this debris could suffocate nearby clams.

Step lightly and try to walk only on exposed rock or sand. Otherwise you might splatter entire communities of 25-year-old green sea anemones. These can be hard to identify because they cover themselves with bits of shell and rock to avoid drying out during low tides.

You'll also realize soon enough that the usually submerged rocks are covered with seaweed — brown rockweed, sea lettuce and varieties of kelp — that make for extremely slippery footing. However, these plants, especially the kelps, are also delicious foods that, when dried, add ocean flavors, minerals and trace elements to stir fries, soups, salads and casseroles. Fortunately, they're abundant.

Look out, too, for sneaky waves and the incoming tide. Be aware that occasional extra-large waves roll in, sometimes taking unwary people back out with them. And be sure to leave the intertidal areas before the returning tide strands you.

So much for the warnings. Now enjoy.

There is much to discover here. Notice the varieties of species and habitats. Imagine the kinds of conditions under which the area's inhabitants live: being out of water and exposed to the sun for intertidal intervals; predation by several animals, including man; and battering by the ocean.

Touch things gently, noting textural differences and how some animals (sea stars and starfish) cling to your finger while others (sea anemones) recoil. Think about why some creatures congregate and others prefer to live alone. Study how they are attached to their rock, shell or other anchor.

Maybe for the first time, feel sea palms, those 18-inch-tall "trees" that bob up and down in the surf, often mistaken for seals by observers without binoculars. Sea palms, actually a species of kelp, attach themselves to subtidal rocks. They are tougher than many terrestrial trees.

And last, here are a few tidepool believe-it-or-nots. Some of the green sea anemones can be 90 years old, as were two huge ones I saw in May, bulging down from a rock, sharing a fish carcass. Chitons, rock-resembling animals, are actually a series of eight connected shells. Hermit crabs move into empty shells to protect their soft bellies.

Sea stars and starfish are capable of prying open mussels and barnacles and cluster together to prevent dehydration. Many colors of nudibranchs, snails without shells, blend almost imperceptibly into the similarly colored sponges on which they feed. Purple urchins eat seaweed. The porcelain crab can regenrate legs it loses or severs if trapped. And the tidepool sculpin, a small fish, is also a marine chameleon, changing colors to match its surroundings.

These and more will enhance a visit to the coast during the summer's especially low tides.

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Summer of '82 may be 'Year of Tourist'

By SUE LANCASTER
Of The Daily Astorian

The summer of '82 is less than a week old, but a survey indicates it could be the start of a record-breaking season for tourism on the North Coast.

Visitors to parks and museums already have shattered June 1981 attendance records, and tourist-oriented businesses are gearing up for July and August — the busiest months of the season.

"People are coming from all over, from all over the world," Fort Clatsop National Memorial Superintendent Bob Scott told The Daily Astorian this week in an informal telephone survey. The fort had had 13,650 June visitors as of Tuesday, Scott said. That figure compares with only 8,053 last year for the same period in June.

"And last year we had a record year," he said

Fort Clatsop is about 7,000 people ahead of last year's January to June figure, Scott said, adding that the fort's average daily attendance has been between 500 and 1,000.

"I think we're going to have a great summer," Scott said. "A real busy one."

FORT STEVENS STATE Park statistics for the first few weeks of the season seem to confirm Scott's assessment.

"It was a zoo out here (last weekend)," said Jeanne Miller, park aide. "It looks like it's going to be a very busy summer." Ms. Miller noted that 551 campsites were filled Saturday night, compared with 270 last year at that time. And Saturday was no exception to the trend that's forming, she said.

The park filled 378 sites Monday, she said, compared with 125 last year on that day. Tuesday was similar, with 331 sites filled compared with 148 sites a year ago.

But it wasn't entirely clear whether the visitors came to the North Coast for the extremely low clam tides last weekend, for the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, or because they had planned to come anyway, Ms. Miller said.

Scott agreed that the recent good weather might be a factor in drawing many visitors, particularly from the Portland area and Washington, but noted a "miserable day" two weeks ago when 1,098 people visited Fort Clatsop. "They seem to be enjoying it," wherever they come from, for whatever reasons, he said.

Other tourist attractions have enjoyed a similar surge of activity during the last three weeks. The Clatsop County Historical Museum in Astoria has had an increase of 20-30 people per day since school let out this year; that rivals attendance figures for the heaviest time of the summer in past years.

"OUR DAYS HAVE really stepped up," museum staff member Carol Whitaker said, adding that the museum is averaging 80-100 people each day. Gloria Richards, director of the museum, said this year's June attendance is equivalent to July attendance figures last year. "We're just doing really well," she said.

Business at the Seaside Aquarium, which is privately owned, is about the same as last year, Manager Pattie Johnson said. Many of the visitors are from the East Coast, the Midwest and Canada, she said.

Although museums and parks apparently are enjoying large numbers of visitors, motel owners indicate that the habits of those visitors might be changing this year. Local motels are relatively busy, managers reported, but calls and reservation requests have dropped off.

"I'm not getting nearly as many calls and turn-downs as I did before," said Glen Thaete, manager of of Seaside's Seashore Resort Motel. But Thaete said it was difficult to gauge the success or failure of the season during June, because it usually is a month when occupancies run nearly 100 percent.

Other motel owners said business was steady, but not necessarily better than last year. "I can't say it's up, I can't say it's down," said Carol Nyswonger, owner of Four Winds Motel in Seaside. "They're still coming, but they're not staying as long."

SEVERAL OF THE merchants and businesspeople contacted commented about the relatively short visits of tourists this summer, compared with two- and three-week stays of past summers. "They're not staying," said Dorothy Brownrigg of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce. "They're coming through."

"They're not staying in the motels as much," she said, but are visiting the historical sites and shopping. Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jim Durham noted also that visitors to the Astoria area seem to be people who are traveling up and down the coast, but who didn't necessarily come to Astoria for North Coast sites alone.

"Basically, they just want to see the coast," he said. Durham said it's a little early to tell just how well the tourism business has treated Astoria so far this summer, but said it's been a good month. "We've had some pretty good days," he said. "The Scandinavian Festival was a big success," and "the (Sitmar) cruise . . . brought a lot of people into the area," last Thursday.

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The Astoria Column is one of the North Coast's most-famous tourist attractions.

Tourism

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Most of the visitors are coming from Oregon, Washington and California, although chamber employees and motel managers also reported a large number of foreign travelers this year. "We've had a lot of Canadians . . . and a lot of Germans," Durham said. Seaside Chamber of Commerce secretary Priscilla Auld noted several groups of visitors from England and Israel, and Ms. Brownrigg reported many travelers from Turkey and various parts of Europe.

"It seems to me like maybe more people are staying closer to home," Ms. Whitaker said. Others confirmed that impression. But some merchants and motel owners said one group of visitors they have depended on for repeat visits has stayed away this year.

"I'VE HAD A lot of cancellations from our Canadian people," Ms. Nyswonger said, explaining that many reported being laid off from jobs in the wood products industry, or being unable to afford the trip this year. Thaete also noted a decrease in the number of Canadians visiting Seaside this summer.

Canadian travelers face an additional disadvantage this year because of the exchange rate between Canadian and American dollars, he noted. Many of them just aren't crossing the border right now, he said.

Although museums and parks are enjoying record-breaking crowds, one form of tourist recreation is suffering from conditions peculiar to that special industry.

Ocean salmon charter fishing operators report a slow season so far despite generally good early catches, but say they have some hope that it may pick up by August, usually their best month.

"It's slow," said Bill Antilla of Astoria Thunderbird Charters. Compared with last year, it's "maybe half," he said, but added, "We're one of the luckiest ones."

People just don't have the money to go charter fishing, Antilla said. In addition, the sport-fishing season was shortened by the federal government.

Nancy Mack, office manager for Thunderbird Charters agreed that it is "pretty slow right now," but said it is beginning to pick up. "it's always slow at the beginning of the season."





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Getting a good look at the port

Standing in the "crow's nest" of the Port of Astoria's new observation deck, visitors got a bird's-eye view of longshoremen loading logs aboard the Shining Star at Pier 1 Thursday afternoon.

The platform was dedicated by the port this week. Complete with an access ramp for the handicapped, the cedar viewing deck provides a safe place to watch port operations. Tom Notos, deputy director for port development, said landscaping and information displays soon will be added.

The deck is the first of several "people places" planned for the Astoria waterfront. The Clatsop Economic Development Committee developed the concept in 1977 with a grant from the federal Economic Development Administration. Construction of two more viewing places along the river is planned for the near future, said Don Budde, chairman of the People Places Committee, part of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce.



STILL IN THE FAMILY — The green leaves of summer set off the outstanding example of Queen Anne architecture, Astoria's 1888 Benjamin Young House, built by the pioneer salmon packer on the original bank of the Columbia River. Its grounds and carriage house maintained in the original style, and many of its original furnishings intact, the exquisite house has been home to four generations of the Young family.



Astoria's gems

Some of the seaport's finest

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Some of the seaport's finest will be on view this weekend

By HELEN L. MERSHON
Journal Staff Writer

ASTORIA — You feel it as you walk up and down the hilly streets of this undiscovered gem on the mouth of the Columbia. These houses were made for living.

Just two blocks up from the main street of this town where people drive through on their way to other places, is an architectural legacy.

It was in here that the Northwest was born in 1811 when the Tonquin anchored at the foot of what is now Astoria's 15th and 16th streets. The era of John Jacob Astor's fur traders quickly passed. And by the 1850s this was a major seaport.

Astoria has seen people come and go. Economic winds have blown in and out like the tide. As you walk the town's early residential streets, you get the feeling that it is not only fishing and canneries, lumber and shipping that color the town. It is the homes that keep this community intact.

Some 400 Victorian houses, many of them classic, picture book, architectural treasures built during the Northwest's boom of the 1880s and 1890s, endure to the present.

At least once a year some of these houses are opened for public viewing. This is the week. During Astoria's Regatta Days, nine houses — three each day — will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Some of them have a shady past, having fallen upon hard times from neglect and abuse. But during the past two decades caring persons have gradually rehabilitated them, embellishing them with authentic carpentry and paint colors and filling them with furnishings appropriate to their beginnings.

A fortunate few houses have always been in the same family, lovingly passed on by pioneer owners, even to the fourth generations.

Today's owners will open their homes to show how modern families live with their architectural heritage.

There's ample evidence they live with it very well.

Gail Collins seems very comfortable and enthusiastic talking about the original hand "graining" simulating other wood grains on the redwood paneling and woodwork of the 1890 Gust Holmes House.

In 1960 Gail and her husband, Ray Collins, a Columbia River bar pilot for the past 22 years, bought the imposing Queen Anne house — complete with a dining room table that seats 16, an empire sofa and a marble topped parlor set — from a Holmes descendant, who grew up in the house.

All five Collins children have grown up in the house, explains Gail.

Vera Whitney Gault, a retired teacher who wrote the informative *Walking Tour of Astoria* and *A Brief History of Astoria 1811-1900*, took on a derelict of a house in 1966.

Now a picture of Victorian perfection, the 1879 house on Franklin avenue had passed through various residents and served as the Astoria Business College from 1932 until 1942, when it as made into five apartments during World War II. Through the years it was neglected and abused.

When the teacher started to work on it, people could understand her remodeling it, but not her plan to restore it. She dreamed back to its original splendor when Capt. Hiram Brown built it in 1879 as a wedding gift for his daughter, Annie, and Judge Charles H. Page, who later served as mayor of Astoria from 1888-90.

Finding that impossible, she settled on restoring it to 1900, when Charles Houston, a building contractor, merged the two parlors into one big drawing room, added a stunning marble fireplace from Italy and built on an adjoining paneled Queen Anne dining room.

No one knows why, but before adding the dining room and second-floor bedroom overhead, Houston apparently chopped off the original back L of the house. He moved it uphill to the edge of the property, where it remains today, a charming, similarly detailed square offspring, recently lovingly restored by the Lee Spanglers.

"I'm not sure I collected things, I just saved things," explained Vera, who since retiring seven years ago, has devoted her time to Astoria history, writing and her house.

It's as though there is a ghost family living with Dr. Edward Harvey and his wife, Ruth, who've lived in the J.H.D. Gray house for 40 years. Gray, the son of W.H. Gray of the Marcus Whitman party, built the Massachusetts style house (Harvey grew up next door to one just like it in Boston). Originally surrounded by timber, the 1880 house was the first to be built up on the hill.

The Harveys, who have a penchant for the American Eagle, reared their daughters amid New England furniture and Northwest artifacts in the gracious rooms.

The 1890 Holmes house, the 1899 Ferguson-Smith house and the 1879 Judge Page houses will be open from [illegible] 4 p.m. Friday.

Open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. will be the 1893 Griffin house (owned by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Boelling), the annex of the 1879 Page home and an 1890 two-flat building (restored and used as a residence/artist's studio by Mr. and Mrs. Polk Riley III.)

Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. the public may visit the 1897 D.K. Warren House (owned by Mr. and Mrs. Polk Riley Sr.), the 1888 Queen Anne of Benjamin Young (owned by the Harry Swansons) and the 1880 J.H.D. Gray house.

Tour tickets may be purchased at the Clatsop County Historical Museum, which is housed in the 1883 Capt. George Flavel House, one of the outstanding examples of Victorian architecture in Oregon and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as is the Benjamin Young house.

Admission will be $2 per house, or $5 for three houses.



SILHOUETTES — Collectibles from a much later period, silhouettes painted on glass during the '30s, are displayed in a pantry-turned-study in Vera Gault's 1879 house in Astoria.

Oregon Journal photos by Robert Bach



TREASURE — Helen Houston Cherry returned her family's carved rosewood loveseat to the same spot where it stood when she was growing up in the 1879 Page House.



STEEP CLIMB — When J.H.D. Gray built the first house on the hill in Astoria in 1880, it was surrounded by tall timber, says owner Dr. Edward Harvey.

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Farewell Fairsea

It was a grand finale.

While Astoria-area residents waved a banner — "Goodbye Fairsea. We'll see you in '83. We love you" — passengers aboard the Sitmar Cruises' Fairsea tossed hundreds of colorful streamers onto the pier as the 800-passenger ship left the port of Astoria for the last time in 1982.

About 200 people were on hand to bid farewell to the ship. They included the Scandia Dancers and the Local Yokel musicians, who danced and played for the goodbye ceremony and who had performed on the ship earlier in the day.

The ship's arrival Thursday morning had been eventful, too, with music provided by band students from Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton high schools and Lewis and Clark School, and greetings from Miss Clatsop County Danene Jones, Astoria Anchor Club members, the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and the Columbia maritime queen.

Helen Fowler, a chamber volunteer and tour guide for cruise ship passengers, designed the farewell banner. The Fairsea visited Astoria six times this summer and has scheduled five stops here next year.

When the Los Angeles-based cruise ship visited Astoria June 17, it was the first time in years a passenger vessel had called here. Welcoming parties for the ship grew each time the ship visited.



MICHAEL THOMPSON

Wave-shaped roof and shingled sides of new museum are viewed here from lightship Columbia berthed in river

Classic boats, periscope views at Columbia River Maritime Museum on Astoria's waterfront

It took 11 years, but the new Columbia River Maritime Museum that opened this spring in Astoria is now a spectacular showcase for one of the best collections of its kind on the Pacific Coast.



Single-masted craft and two motor-powered fishing vessels join pair of Coast Guard surfboats in main gallery



With its striking wave-shaped roof, the 37,000-square-foot museum houses tens of thousands of models, artifacts, photographs, and regional memorabilia—from the first days of exploration on the Northwest coast to the present.

You enter into the imposing 53-foot-high main gallery, or "great hall," arrayed with five historic craft on display (two U.S. Coast Guard surfboats and three fishing vessels). A revolving Fresnel lens from the lighthouse at North Head, Washington, beams from one corner. At the other end of the hall, the conning tower and two periscopes of the World War II submarine *Rasher* project through the roof to capture views up and down the Columbia.

The exhibit scale switches from the grand to the intimate in a series of seven rich and detailed galleries covering the fur trade and exploration, navigation and marine safety, fishing and whaling, steamboats and shipbuilding, sailing vessels, the transition from sail to motor power, and naval history.

In various galleries there are impressive ship models, especially the 7-foot-long replica of the five-masted schooner *Inca* and the exquisitely detailed model of *Old Ironsides.* Actual parts of several ships are also displayed: the entire bridge and pilothouse of the destroyer *Knapp,* armament from the battleship *Oregon,* bowsprits and figureheads from sailing ships.

Perhaps most evocative are pieces from several shipwrecks at the infamous Columbia River bar—the "graveyard of the Pacific." One copper-clad keel fragment believed to be from the British sloop-of-war *Raccoon,* which struck the bar in 1814, was recovered when a storm washed it up on the beach in 1972.

A book and gift store completes the interior. Outside is the largest exhibit—the retired lightship *Columbia,* commissioned in 1951. It shares dock space with the Coast Guard cutter *Yocona.*

Admission (including a ticket for touring the lightship) is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for seniors and students 6 through 18, free for age 5 and under. The museum is located on the river at the foot of 17th Street, just off Marine Drive (U.S. Highway 30). Hours are 9:30 to 5 daily. □



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***Up periscope:** conning tower (left) of World War II submarine projects through museum roof for bull's-eye look at Columbia River, Astoria Bridge*



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SPORTS

Great Columbia Crossing draws hundreds

By GRADY PANNELL
DA Sports Editor

Astoria's Great Columbia Crossing, a race of 8.5 miles, couldn't have been more successful, according to runners and spectators.

It was what is hoped to become a yearly event and was promoted by Nike, the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Astoria, with a supporting cast of hundreds.

Rain squalls and winds didn't dampen the spirits of runners who ranged in age from 12 to the 70s, but weather conditions did slow times. Chinook, Wash., was the start, Astoria the finish.

First runner in was Chris Lattig of Gresham, a former Central Catholic prep standout, who runs for the University of Portland. His time was 45 minutes and 23 seconds, a minute faster than ex-Seaside High ace Jim Beck.

"This is a fine race and it was put on well," Lattig said. "I tied up on the bridge (a 4.1 mile span) but recovered well," he added.

One other Seaside runner placed in the top of the 20-29 age group, Dennis Braun, fifth in 47.17. He followed McMinnville's James Wyatt, Jr., 46 29, and Portland's Don Cox, 46 50.

Rounding out the top 10 were Doug Jacobson of Pullman, Wash., 47.50, ex-Fisherman runner John Goodenberger of Eugene, 7th, 47.57, Knappa cross country coach Mark Steinberg of Astoria, 47.58, Jim Howarth (no address listed), 9th, 48.39, and David Koss (also no address), 50.11.

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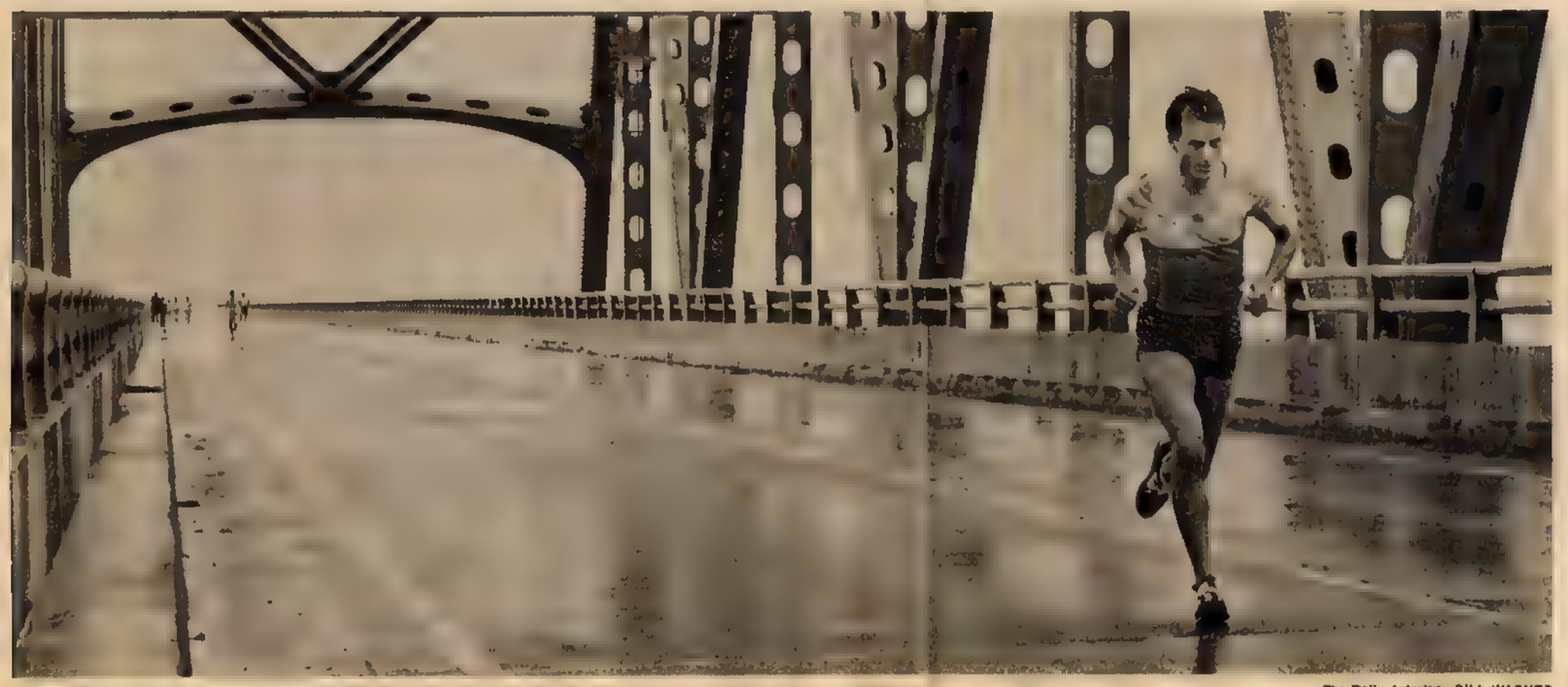
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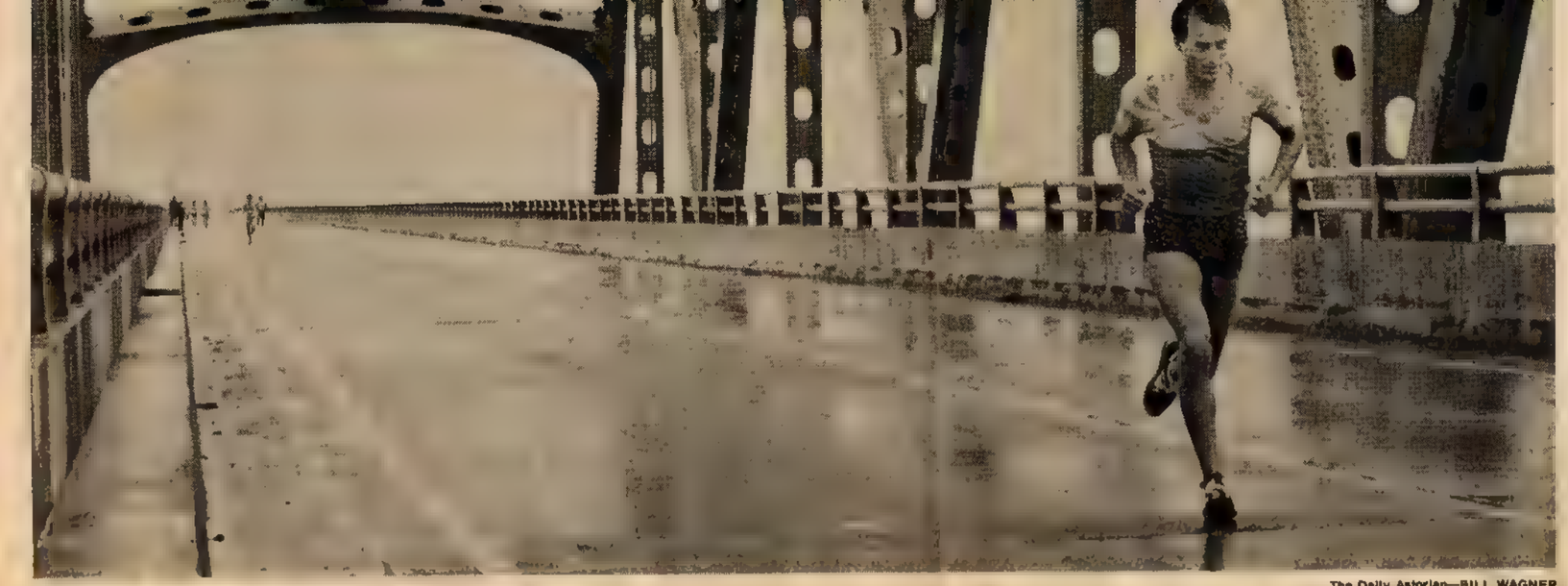
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Eric Dahl won the 12-19 age division in 48.32, followed by Mark Weidkamp of Beaverton, 51.27, the son of Ken Weidkamp who was race director of the Oregon Biathlon when it was held in the 1970s at Coffenbury Lake. Jack Brajcich of Clatskanie was seventh, 55.23, and Seaside High runner Mike Haner 14th (no time listed). There were 18 finishers.

Heidi Hatfield won the 12-19 girls' division in 1.04.48, followed by Vickie Anderson and Sue Rogers (no times, no addresses).

Women winners were Mary Peterson, Beaverton, 57.35 in the 30-39 group, Chong Anderson, 1.06.30 in the 40-49, and Dorine Sawtelle, 1.24 52 in the 50-59 group. Cannon Beach runner Joann Canessa was fourth in the 30-39 division (no time listed).

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It's downhill from here

Astoria runner Max Bigby Jr., leading a pack of racers down the ramp at the south end of the Astoria Bridge, nears the finish of Saturday's Great Columbia Crossing road race.

The 8.5-mile race drew about 1,000 entrants. Chris Lattig of Gresham was the overall men's winner, finishing in 45 minutes, 23 seconds; former Astorian Mary Russell, now of Salem, was the women's winner in 57:19.

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Bridge race 'off and running' as annual event



Claudie Brewer, Astoria, left, Sue Meyer, Portland, center, and Dr. Dan Rappaport, Astoria, stretch before the start of the race.

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Despite blustery weather and a finish line snafu, Saturday's first Great Columbia Crossing road run was a "tremendous success," race director Rich Fencsak said Sunday.

"We're on for next year," said Fencsak, education coordinator at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Although the final decision will come from his bosses, state Highway Division Astoria District Engineer Eldon Everton said this morning he doubted there would be any objections to holding the race again next year. "For the first time, it went surprisingly well," Everton said. "There were a few minor problems, but really very few."

The 8.5-mile race, won by Chris Lattig of Gresham in 45 minutes, 23 seconds, wound from Chinook, Wash., east on Highway 101 and south across the Astoria Bridge, finishing in front of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce office at the Port of Astoria dock. Guiding the estimated 1,000 runners along the route required an intricate traffic control system involving both Washington and Oregon state highway departments, several police agencies and dozens of race volunteers.

Vehicles were led around the runners by pilot cars, causing some delays for motorists, but apparently few complaints. Shuttle buses carried runners from the chamber office to the starting line at Chinook Park, then brought runners' warm-ups back to the finish line.

The shuttle buses also provided one of the race's light moments, Fencsak said. Toll booth operators apparently weren't told the buses were to cross free, so the first several buses had to pay until the problem was cleared up. "But one of the buses went over there and didn't have any money to get back," Fencsak said.

The only significant problem was at the finish line, where runners began to stack up in a long line after about 250 had completed the run, he said. The problem occurred because an electronic timer and recording system that was to be used to record times and places arrived Friday night with a dead battery, Fencsak said. No replacement battery was available and race officials had to fall back to a manual checkoff system. That caused delays from about the 250th finisher through the 600th finisher, he said.



Del Brewer of Molalla shivers in the cold rain.

"Next year we hope to plug into a completely computerized system, so we won't have any of those problems," he said.

Although the cold wind and drizzle had many spectators grumbling, it drew few complaints from runners. "I probably complained more about the weather than anybody else," Fencsak said. "But really nobody seemed to mind that much. People had a real happy-go-lucky attitude, even the out-of-town people."

The race, sponsored by Nike Inc. and the chamber's Committee to Promote Astoria, was designed as much to bring people to the area as to provide a challenging race. It apparently met both goals.

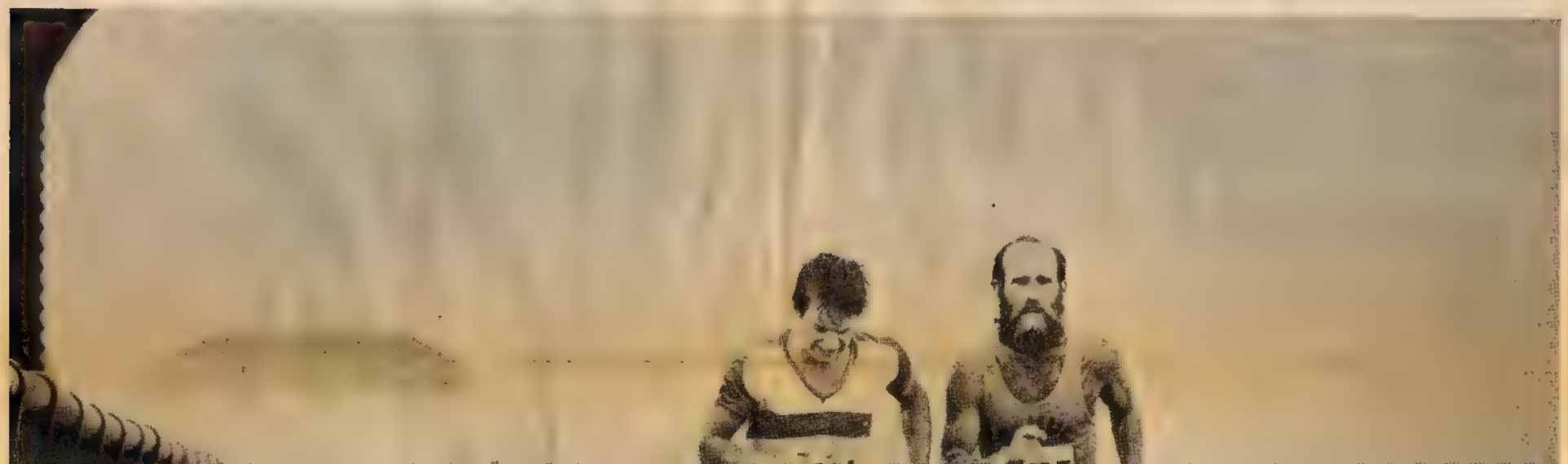
A survey of Astoria motels indicated most had an increase in room rentals because of the race. Several reported they were filled Friday night and did almost as well Saturday night.

Restaurants also reported brisk business Saturday. The Dutch Cup Restaurant offered a "Marathon Special" spaghetti meal and "sold out all we had," employee Melissa Padgett said. The Thunderbird Seafare restaurant was particularly busy before and after the race, an employee said.

Downtown businesses also reported store traffic was up Saturday. Business at Pier 11 Marketplace and Marketplace General Store was hopping, owner Darrel Davis said. "I was very pleased with the race and how it brought people in."

Comments by runners were "very positive," chamber manager Jim Durham said today. "I thought it went very well. Hopefully next year we'll have this down to a science."

Fencsak, who met with Everton and race traffic control director Jeff Leinassar this morning, already is working on that.



Seaside runners Dennis Braun, left, and Neil Branson strain up the steep hill on the bridge's channel span.





Racers wave to spectators, right, who watched from the windows of houses along the bridge's south ramp.

Photos by BILL WAGNER

Astoria, Tillamook head for showdown on Oct. 28

Astoria and Tillamook are heading for a showdown, but not until another two weeks.

As the Fishermen were winning Friday night at Neahkahnie, 28-6, Tillamook was working for every point at home against Clatskanie, 17-7 Cheesemakers.

Astoria must beat winless Scappoose here this week in its Friday homecoming game while the Mooks must win at Neahkahnie. Wins by the two once-beaten teams will put Astoria at Tillamook on Oct. 29 in the showdown, that winner qualifying for the playoffs.

Unbeaten Rainier is virtually assured of the playoffs, but victory didn't come easy at home against St. Helens, 21-8. The Lions were twice stopped inside the Rainier 20 in the second half after the Columbians had a 7-0 halftime lead.

"The key was our stopping them on a fourth down and yard to go around the 20, then driving 75 yards to score," said Rainier coach Wes Bigham. With the score 14-0, the Lions charged back to cut the lead to 14-8 at end of three quarters. Rainier once again blunted a drive with a pass interception, then tacked up the final TD on quarterback Jeff Elbert's run.

"His option running was great," Bigham said of the 6-2, 185-pound signal caller who ran for 84 yards and passed for 157 with one interception.

Seaside Defense

Seaside, which didn't win a league game last year and was 1-8 for the 1981 season, chalked up win No. 3 (Cowapa No. 2) but played with its back to its goalline for most of the second half against Scappoose. The final score was 20-13.

"We got off maybe 18 plays in the second half and twice we held Scappoose on fourth downs with us backed up deep," coach Stubby Lyons said. The first stand was on the Gull four and the next on the seven.

Seaside, paced by Ken Blamont's pair of touchdowns, one a 78-yard burst from scrimmage, led 14-7 after the first period. All scoring was in the first half by both teams. The first TD by Jimmy Adams was set up by Brad Olson's blocked punt.

Tillamook's passing game, despite three interceptions, was best of the season as Steve Mekkers, a 5-10 sophomore, "came of age" with 186 yards on a 10-18 performance. He also scooted in for one score. Kicking specialist soph Dave Wiek hit two extra points and tacked up another three points on a 28-yard field goal.

Astoria-Neahkahnie

The first three Fishermen scores for the 21-0 halftime lead were by Mark Utti and Andy Westerberg.

The Pirates, more physical than Astoria on the line but a couple of steps slower, according to coach Miles Brenden, played the Fishermen to a standstill in the first period. In the third period they scored on a 14-yard run by Craig Stacks.

Sophomore running backs Craig Nelson and Westerberg combined for about 150 of Astoria's total 167 net yards rushing. Tarabochia passed for 225. Brenden said one crucial passing play featured the scrambling Tarabochia throwing to Pete Ferrero, who shook loose from a defender for a fourth down catch.

"We played lackluster ball in the first quarter but opened it up in the second period and gained momentum," Brenden said. Guard Mike Petersen was sick with the flu and his place was taken by tackle Tim Dugan. Tackle reserve Alan Rahkola, 6-4, 205, moved into Dugan's slot. Nelson also handled Petersen's defensive linebacker slot.

Brenden also cited the defensive play of linebacker Paul Shuler, defensive ends Paul Burgher and Thor Ivanoff and safety Garret Heming, who filled in at quarterback late in the game.

ASTORIA	0	21	0	7	—28
NEAHKAHNIE	0	0	6	0	— 6

SCORING — Utti 23 yd Tarabochia pass (PAT pass failed), Westerberg 32 yd run (Utti pass), Westerberg 7 yd Tarabochia pass (kick Tarabochia); Stacks 14 yd run; Utti 44 yd Tarabochia pass (kick Tarabochia).

STATISTICS — Astoria 15 1st downs (7 rush, 7 pass, 1 pen), 28-167 yd rush, 225 yd pass (Tarabochia 11-20, 1 intercep by Stephens), 14-392 yd total off, 4-30 yd pen, 2-1 fumble; Neahkahnie 7 1st downs (5 rush, 2 pass), 36-95 yd rush, 27 pass (Vance Waldron 3-9, 0 intercep), 45-122 yd total off, 9-66.5 yd pen, 1-0 fumble.

INDIV STATISTICS — Westerberg 6-73 yd rush, Nelson 10-76, Utti 6-175 yd pass receiv, Scott Petersen 1-17, Ferrero 1-13, Bruce Marriott 1-11, Westerberg 2-9, Utti 2-19 yd punt ret, Nelson 2-13, Westerberg 1-10 yd kick off ret; Steve DeBoer 19-73 yd rush, Stacks 7-25, Smith 3-27 yd pass receiv, Purcell 2-18 yd kick off ret, Weber 1-19, Stacks 1-14, Stephens 1-11.

TILLAMOOK	0	10	7	0	—17
CLATSKANIE	0	0	7	0	— 7

SCORING — Jeff Lawrence 1 yd run (kick Wiek), FG Wiek (28 yd), Mekkers 4 yd run (kick Wiek); Jim Engen 5 yd Kevin Puzey pass (kick Lonnie Davis).

STATISTICS — Tillamook 8 1st downs (5 pass, 3 rush), 27-104 yd rush, 186 pass (Mekkers 10-18, 3 intercep), 9-95 yd pen, 0-0 fumble; Clatskanie 6 1st downs (2 rush, 2 pass, 2 pen), 36-44 yd rush, 63 pass (Puzey 8-21, 3 intercep, 1-5 yd pen, 2-2 fumble.

RAINIER	0	7	7	7	—21
ST. HELENS	0	0	8	0	— 8

SCORING — Doug Coffman 17 yd Elbert pass (kick Eric Bolden), Elbert 18 yd run (kick Bolden); Ron Neveau 8 yd run (PAT pass Lain); Elbert 8 yd run (kick Bolden).

STATISTICS — Rainier 13 1st downs (7 pass, 4 rush, 2 pen), 157 yd rush, 157 pass (Elbert 10-15, 1 intercep), 3-25 yd pen, 2-1 fumble; St. Helens 14 1st downs (11 rush, 2 pass, 1 pen), 205 yd rush, 21 pass (Lain 2-4, 0 intercep), 7-50 yd pen, 1-0 fumble.

INDIVID STATISTICS — Elbert 14-84 yd rush, Sam Maxwell, 13-60, Coffman, 5-82 yd pass receiv, Mike Danchok 3-43; Doug Domenighini 13-98 yd rush, Jack McCann 21-99.

SEASIDE	14	6	0	0	—20
SCAPPOOSE	7	6	0	0	—13

SCORING — Jimmy Adams 35 yd run off blocked punt by Brad Olson (PAT K. Blamont pass by Adams), K. Blamont 78 yd run (pass failed); Jeff Wetherbee 53 yd Sean McNabb pass (kick); K Blamont 28 yd run (pass failed); Wetherbee 23 yd run (kick failed).

STATISTICS — Seaside 8 (7 rush, 1 pen), 181 yd rush, 45 pass (Brad Eller 4-10, 2 intercep0, 10-95 yd pen, 0-0 fumble; Scappoose 15 1st downs (9 rush, 3 pass, 3 pen), 177 yd rush, 98 pass (McNabb 10-20, 0 intercep), 7-75 yd pen, 1-1 fumble (John Riggan recov).

INDIVID STATISTICS — K. Balmont 11-119 yd rush; Tim Blamont, Guyon Blissett, Brad Olson (defense).

Warrenton wins in OT

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The Warrenton-Vernonia game was a defensive struggle all the way. Warrenton's Warriors scored in the first period on a 25-yard run by Mueller. The Vernonia Cougars tied it up in the second period on a 2-yard run by Engebretson.

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The Warrenton-Vernonia game was almost all defense, with each team scoring with less than two minutes of regulation, Vernonia getting up first on a Dale Mueller 25-yard run.

Warrenton didn't panic and marched and passed about 70 yards to score on quarterback Mike Engebretson's keeper with about 40 seconds left. The big play was a 49-yard pass caught by Kevin Godwin on the Vernonia two.

Vernonia opted to go on offense after winning the toss to start the Kansas Plan overtime on the Warrenton 10. Each time, however, Vernonia was thrown back and a tipped fourth down pass by Tony Bogh, who had just come back in the game after brief first half play, set up Warrenton's chance to score.

Warrior Gary Martin, on the second play, bolted in and the game was history.

"Our defense played well and we rose to the occasion when we had to and didn't fall apart in our last drive that took 34 seconds," coach John Mattila said. He cited the key defensive play of Engebretson in stopping Vernonia power runner Dave Kleinman on a conversion attempt in the last quarter.

Knappa-PC

Knappa led once, that on a 2-point safety when a PC runner was trapped in the end zone in the first period. It was mostly the Portlanders afterwards as they ran up a 13-2 halftime lead before Logger Mark Duvall caught a Greg Williams pass in the third period to make it 13-8.

Knappa ball carriers Robert Houk and Gary Backanen combined for less than 80 net yards while the Royals' Greg Kennedy, who scored two TDs running, legged the ball for 140 yards.

Logger Darrell Ferguson had another key defensive game with 11 tackles, six unassisted, and one quarterback sack. Tony Truax was in on seven tackles and Don Van Gundy was 3-3. Spike Barendse, Mark Lund and Backanen also stood out while Dan McEnulty recovered a PC fumble.

WARRENTON	0	0	0	6—6	(6)—12
VERNONIA	0	0	0	6—6	(0)—6

SCORING—Mueller 25 yd run (PAT run failed, 1:35 left); Engebretson 2 yd run (kick failed, 0:45 left), Martin 12 yd run (overtime).

STATISTICS—Warrenton 8 1st downs (5 rush, 2 pen, 1 pass), 109 yd rush, 39 pass (Engebretson 2-9, 0 intercep), 2-10 yd pen, 2-1 fumble (Larry Rider recov); Vernonia 8 1st downs (7 rush, 1 pass), 152 yd rush, 8 pass (Eric Wilcoxen 1-9, 1 intercep by Martin), 7-55 yd pen, 9-0 fumble.

INDIVID STATISTICS — Kleinman 26-106 yd rush, Steve Taylor 10-26, Martin 18-66, Buddy Brandson 11-55, Godwin 2-39 yd pass receiv; Vernonia's Charles DuVall 10 tackles (4 ua), Doyle Dunaway 4-4, Mark McDonald 4-4; Warrenton's John Little, T. Eugene Doney, G. (offense), Engebretson 13 tackles (8 ua), Chris Gramson 5-2, Terry Miller 4-1, Martin 1-4.

KNAPPA		2	0	6	0—8
P. CHRISTIAN		0	13	7	6—26

SCORING—Knappa safety (PC's Steve Gaston trapped end zone); Kennedy 1 yd run (PAT kick failed), Kennedy 29 yd run (kick failed); Duvall 30 yd Williams pass (pass failed); Bob Lockwood 12 yd Marshall Witt pass (kick), Dan McAvoy 15 yd Witt pass (kick failed)

STATISTICS—Knappa 5 1st downs (5 rush, 1 pass, 1 pen), 28-118 yd net rush, 28 pass (Williams 2-8, 0 intercep), 4-40 yd pen, 3-2 fumble; PC 8 1st downs (6 rush, 1 pass, 1 pen), 39-284 yd rush, 31 pass (Witt 2-9, 0 intercep), 5-35 yd pen, 3-1 fumble

INDIVID STATISTICS—Houk 16-44 yd rush, Backanen 8-31; Kennedy 12-142, Brian Boys 8-68, Ferguson 11 tackles (6 ua), QB sack, Truax 4-3, Van Gundy 3-3

Ilwaco nipped, Naselle blanked

Both Pacific County south-end football teams, Ilwaco and Naselle, were victims in Far West and Pacific League play, respectively, Friday.

The Fishermen had what would have been the game's winning TD nullified on a penalty and lost to Forks, 14-12, while Naselle couldn't move inside Willapa Valley's 5-yard line on three occasions and fell, 12-0.

Coach Pat Hymes, who had only 15 players suited up at Ilwaco—regular David Grenland will be back next week against unbeaten Raymond—said the Fishermen still had a chance to win or tie on conversion plays that failed on two passes. Tim Current, who scored the last TD running, rushed for more than 100 yards and caught passes from quarterback Kelly Keightley for another 100.

Naselle-Valley

A very physical Valley team simply laid waste to Naselle's offensive unit three times in the first half.

The Comets got on the scoreboard first on a Chris Merringer pass to Brian Macy but it was nullified on a motion penalty early in the first period. Valley scored afterwards, then Naselle drove to the one and was held on downs before the quarter ended.

The Comets, who won their Pacific League opener last week, close out October play on two home games, with Quinault here Friday, then PeEll.

ILWACO	0	0	6	6—12	
FORKS	7	0	7	0—14	

SCORING—Erickson 38 yd pass (PAT kick), Peterson 30 yd Keightley pass (PAT pass failed), Jaimy 2 yd run (kick), Current 14 yd Keightley pass (pass failed)

STATISTICS—Ilwaco 9 1st downs, 110 yd rush, 233 pass (Keightley 16-30, 0 intercept), 3-35 yd pen, 1-1 fumble, Forks 8 1st downs, 187 yd rush, 72 pass.

INDIVID STATISTICS—Current 12-59 yd rush, Jamie Williams 6-28, Current 6-102 yd pass receiv, Peterson 7-86, Randy Staudenraus 3-45; Staudenraus 14 tackles, 2 fumble recov, David Merriwether 10.

NASELLE	0	0	0	0—0	
VALLEY	0	6	0	6—12	

SCORING—Mark Dahlbeck 3 yd run, Dahlbeck 5 yd Kevin Dockter pass. Naselle 11 1st downs (8 rush, 3 pass), 137 yd rush, 90 pass (Merringer 9-17, 2 intercep), 3-20 yd pen, 4-2 fumble, Valley 9 1st downs (8 rush, 1 pass), 225 yd rush, 44 pass (Dockter 4-3, 1 intercep by Jerry Schlesser), 1-5 yd pen, 4-3 fumble (Schlesser, Craig Kent, Doug Heiner recov)

INDIVID STATISTICS—Jeff Bjornsgard 10-52 yd rush, 3-23 yd pass receiv, Macy 1-14, Carl Adair 7 tackles, Karl Smith 4, Heiner, CB

Jewell winner, 28-0

JEWELL—Coach Jim Wilkin and assistant Dan Smith, along with the entire Jewell High School football team, can be pardoned if they don't show up for school today.

They're celebrating their first football win of the season and their second in two years of 8-man football.

The Bluejays, behind Leondard Thompson's running and quarterback Jim Collier's passing, plus a stout defense, won at Detroit, 28-0, Friday in a Casco B League game.

Bobby Robinson got them off early on a pass catch for a TD, Daren Berg and Robinson blocked a punt in the end zone for a 2-point safety, then Thompson scooted 53 yards and Jewell had an 18-0 halftime lead. Another safety was followed by Collier's TD keeper in the last quarter. Collier also carried the ball for 38 yards

Jewell had more than 200 yards on the ground, 172 by Thompson, and almost 90 passing, 25 yards on catches by Thompson and Robinson with 61. Thompson also led tackling with three solos and six assists while Robinson had seven, four unassisted and three of those sacks of the quarterback. Collier had two pass interceptions to go with seven tackles and James Wilkin was in on five and sacked the quarterback twice.

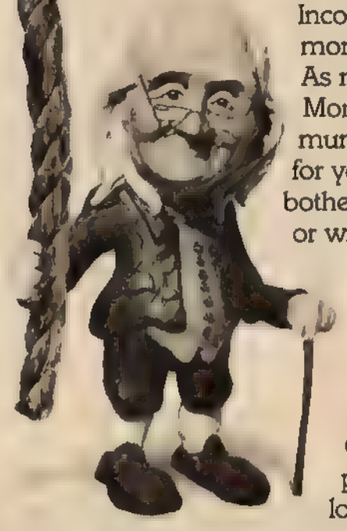
JEWELL	8	10	2	8—28	
DETROIT	0	0	0	0—0	

SCORING—Robinson 3 yd Collier pass (PAT run Thompson), safety, Thompson 53 yd run (run Thompson), safety, Collier 1 yd run (run Thompson) Jewell 8 1st downs (4 rush, 2 pass, 2 pen), 7-45 yd pen, 2-2 fumble; Detroit 3 1st downs (all pass), minus 8 yd rush, 52 pass (4-11), 3-35 yd pen, 2-3 fumble.



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NORTHWEST NEWS

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Tourism drops in third quarter

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregonians traveled less than state officials expected in the third quarter of 1982, state travel officials say.

The result, according to a newly released study, is that a hoped-for blossoming of tourism late in the season failed to materialize, leaving the third quarter lagging behind the same period in 1981.

"We did okay with out-of-state visitors, but our in-state travel was a real problem," said Shirley Eads, Oregon travel director.

Eads said third-quarter visits to 30 prominent tourist attractions dropped 2 percent below 1981 figures. The 30 attractions serve as an indicator of Oregon's tourist industry's health

A statewide study showed a visitor count of about 2.1 million at the attractions in July, August and September — compared with 2.13 million during the same period of 1981.

Oregon's depressed economy evidently kept many Oregonians at home this summer, Eads said. Those who did travel generally frequented free attractions rather than those charging admission, she added.

State officials had expected a boost in September. But Friday they learned that most tourist attractions were off 1 to 2 percent for the month, except in the Willamette Valley, which had a slight increase.

LIVING

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Historic houses offer glimpse of Christmas past

By HELEN L. MERSHON
of The Oregonian staff

Many of Oregon's historic homes will open their handcrafted doors in the next few weeks to give visitors glimpses of Christmases past.

Museums, historical societies, churches and private home owners will be involved in open houses, receptions and holiday fairs designed to pass on the heritage of holiday observances in early Oregon.

No two experiences will be same. There are humble log cabins and simple, New England-inspired frame structures. There are whimsical Victorians of many sizes, interpreted one way by prosperous Willamette Valley farmers and merchants and yet another way by globe-roaming sea captains.

Here is a list of such homes and museums open for the holidays and what events will be held.

ASTORIA

Eight of Astoria's finest Victorian homes will be open for tours giving "A Holiday Glimpse Into Astoria's Past" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-5.

The first time the Columbia River city has staged such a Christmas fest, the weekend will also include a traditional Christmas feast with roast suckling pig and chestnut dressing at Clatsop County Historical Society's Heritage Center (the old Astoria city hall building at 16th and Exchange streets.

Cooking teacher Richard Nelson, an Oregonian FOODday columnist, will prepare the $25-per-person Saturday dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Admission tickets will be $2 to see one home, $7.50 for five and $10 for eight homes. Admission to the Flavel Mansion, which the historical society operates, will be $1.

Six homes will be open Friday from 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. They will include the 1883 house built for Peter Cherry, British consul when Astoria was a port of entry. A display of antique Christmas ornaments will be featured.

Visitors also may view the 1852 Capt. Hiram Brown house, one of the oldest in Oregon still maintained as a one-family home. The house has a black walnut stairway and authentic Victorian furnishings.

Saturday tours will cover all eight houses from 1-4 p.m., with five of them remaining open from 7-9 p.m.

Sunday's schedule calls for five of the houses to be open, including a grand 1863 Victorian, Astoria's oldest residence to remain in continuous family ownership. On the National Register of Historic Places, it is furnished with rare family possessions.

The Flavel Mansion, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days, was built in 1885 for Capt. George Flavel. It is considered one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in Oregon.

WOODBURN

Spicy fragrances from the pioneer kitchen will greet visitors to "Christmas Long Ago," from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at the 1889 Jessie Settlemier House, Garfield and Settlemier streets in Woodburn.

The Woodburn Jaycee-ettes will join the French Prairie Historical Society in presenting the annual family event in the 14-room Victorian, a national historical site owned by the society.

Hot wassail will be served in the dining room. A snack bar in the basement will sell sandwiches.

There will be a wassail table and bazaar. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

SALEM

The Mission Mill Museum, where several of Salem's first houses are clustered around the old Kaye Woolen Mill, will hold Christmas open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5.

In the picturesque grouping on Mill Street, between 12th and 14th S.E., not far from the capitol in Salem, are the 1841 Jason Lee House, the 1841 Methodist Parsonage, the 1847 John D. Boon House, the water-powered mill and a store. The open house will be free and refreshments will be served.

The elegant Bush House, built in 1877 for pioneer publisher and banker Asahel Bush II, will hold its Christmas open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Sponsored by the Bush House Auxiliary, there will be holiday entertainment and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public.

The open house is but a part of many holiday activities at the house and its adjoining buildings. In addition to cookie-making classes and a Christmas sale, which runs through Dec. 30 at Bush Barn Art Center, Bush House will feature holiday storytelling for children at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

PORTLAND

A profusion of fragrant greens, fruits and natural materials will turn Portland's Pittock Mansion into "A Williamsburg Christmas."

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 8, the 1909-'14 mansion overlooking the city will be opened by the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation from 1-5 p.m. daily, seven days a week through Sunday, Jan. 2, 1983, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Thousands of visitors flock to see the pride of pioneer newspaperman Henry Pittock all decked out in holiday finery. This year the Oregon chapter of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America will hang wreaths and garlands of fruit, cones, pods, boxwood, red peppers and herbs, recalling the days of Colonial America.

Authentic Colonial greens and gold ribbons will be used throughout the house, along with beeswax candles in pewter candlesticks, boxwood topiaries and kissing balls and ribboned nosegays called "tussy-mussies."

A pastel braided rug, handmade for the Williamsburg Christmas, will become a permanent fixture of the child's bedroom, where giant Colonial-style gingerbread men will be used.

Antique dolls and toys will be displayed in the mansion's lower level gallery. Admission is $2 for adults, $1.50 for the elderly, $1 for students, and 50 cents for children ages 6-11.

AURORA

"Christmas at the Ox Barn" will overflow the Ox Barn Museum buildings, located off Oregon 99E in Aurora, this year for the annual holiday fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11-12.

On Saturday only, many of the festivities will be held in the Aurora American Legion Hall, one block from the museum. At the Legion Hall, in addition to crafts displays, there will be free baby-sitting. The American Legion Auxiliary also will sell hot foods and snacks.

The North Marion Eclectics will sing at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the big Ox Barn. On Sunday the Calvary Mennonite Choir will perform at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.



Staff photo by ROBERT BACH

CANDLELIGHT TOUR — Libby Finn, right, and her daughter, Michelle, will be hostesses for annual Christmas candlelight tour of Oregon City's 1846 Dr. John McLoughlin House 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required.



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Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

OREGON CITY

More than 50 candles will light the way for visitors on the annual Christmas tour of the 1846 Dr. John McLoughlin House, Oregon's oldest museum, from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,. Dec. 4-5, 713 Center St., Oregon City.

The ladies' upstairs sitting room will be set up for Christmas morning breakfast and antiques toys will be on display in the children's room. A 17th-century Chinese bowl used by McLoughlin at Fort Vancouver in the 19th century will hold wassail.

After a tour of the McLoughlin House guests will go next door to have refreshments in the 1850 Barclay House.

Reservations are required for the candlelight tour. Tickets will be $3 each, or $5 a couple, and $1.50 for children. McLoughlin House may be telephoned for reservations.

The Clackamas County Historical Society will hold their annual holiday fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, in the 1907 Mertie Stevens House, 603 6th St., in Oregon City. The house will be decorated for "A 1910 Christmas Wedding" with mannequins in various rooms wearing vintage wedding clothing.

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Old crafts and arts demonstrations will pay tribute to the beginning of Aurora, a 19th-century German religious communal society, which thrived for 25 years.

All five buildings, including the 1860 Ox Barn, 1863 Kraus House and 1876 Steinbach Cabin, will be open for self-guided tours.

Admission will be $1.50 for adults, and 50 cents for children 6 to 18. Tickets will include both locations.

ALBANY

Historic Albany Tours will stage their third annual Christmas tour of Victorian homes from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Last year, despite a driving rain, some 800 persons attended.

This year 10 holiday-decked private homes will be open to visitors, along with the 1849 Monteith House Museum, the historic St. Mary's Catholic Church and old Central Elementary School, where tour tickets will be sold.

Girl Scouts will sing carols at the church and school. Children will receive a horse-drawn wagon ride. Refreshments will be served in one of the homes.

Tickets also will be sold at the Creative Arts Guild Gallery downtown and at the school, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Admission will be $3 per person or $5 per family.

BROWNSVILLE

The Linn County Historical Society will hold a Christmas tea in the 1881 John M. Moyer House, from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16. The house will be decorated and Christmas music will be performed.



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AURORA — Kathie Peterson shows a tray as cut with Aurora Colony cutters, to Betty Farrell, holding Rachel Peterson, 2, at Ox Barn Museum, where fair is set for Dec. 11 and 12.



Staff photo by STEVE NEHL

COLONIAL ELEGANCE — Dan Crandall, Pittock Mansion director, donned Colonial attire for preview of "A Williamsburg Christmas," theme of the mansion's decorations for holiday observance beginning Dec. 8.

Consumed by fire, Astoria rose from the ashes

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Friday, Dec. 8, 1922.

The first fire bell rang at 2:15 a.m.

Within 10 minutes, flames licked the tops of buildings on Commercial Street.

Within a half hour, an entire block bounded by Commercial, Bond, Eighth and Ninth streets was ablaze.

Within an hour, the fire was jumping streets aboveground and roaring through a creosote-timbered labyrinth under scores of wooden structures in the heart of Astoria's business district. Fanned by natural drafts rushing through those undampered "horizontal chimneys," flames billowed into the crisp December sky, turning night into orange day.

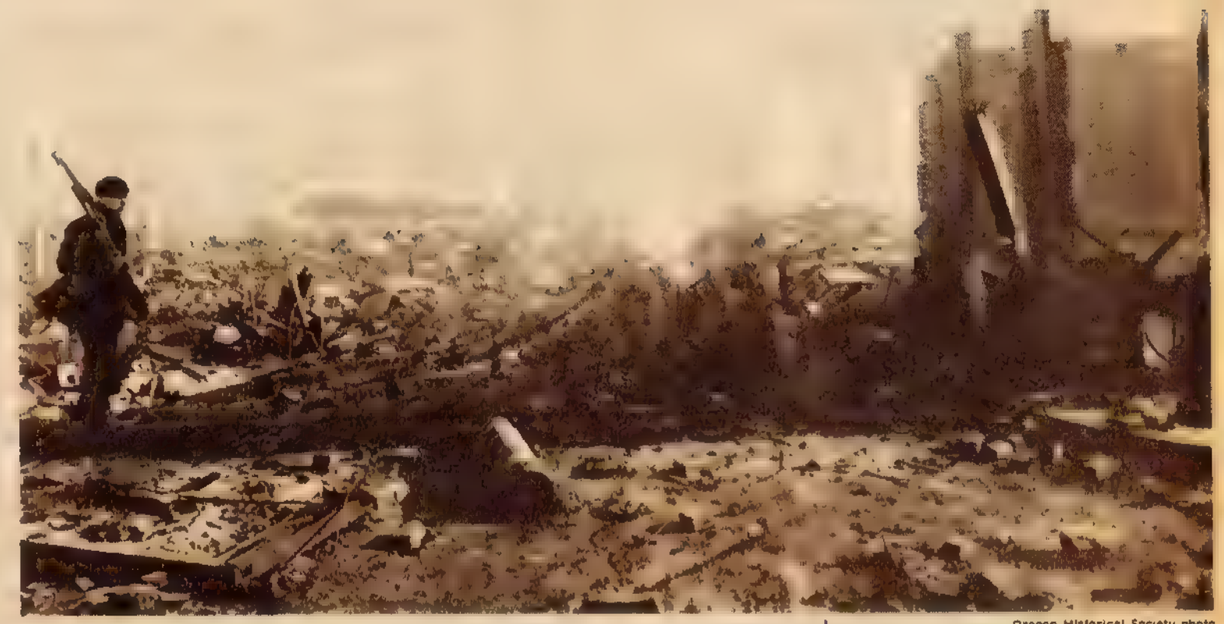
By the time the fire had spent itself nine hours later, four department stores, four women's stores, six men's stores, 12 grocery stores, 12 restaurants, four bakeries, six drug stores, seven furniture stores, two newspapers, two printing companies, three millineries, eight meat markets, five banks, six plumbing shops, six cleaners, five theaters, 20 garages, 11 pool halls, five jewelers, three paint shops, two hardware stores, four electrical shops, two music stores, two stage depots, two wholesale houses, three marine dealers, two florists, three shoe stores, two undertakers, three bookstores, three transfer companies, two apartment buildings, two telegraph offices, two dairies, seven fraternal lodges, two dance halls, 21 businesses too diverse to categorize, two hotels, a business college, the YWCA and the fire department's headquarters lay in ruin.

In all the inferno consumed more than 220 businesses in a 28-block area that stretched from the waterfront as far east as 17th Street, as far west as Eighth Street and as far south as Franklin Avenue. Damage was estimated to be as high as $15 million — less than half of it insured.

The origin and cause of the fire apparently were never officially determined, though most believed it was set.

Only two deaths were blamed on

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Oregon Historical Society photo

Armed guard patrols Bond Street following the Dec. 8, 1922, Astoria fire.

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Memories of devastation, rebuilding

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the fire: Morris Staples, a prominent business and civic leader, died of a heart attack while helping push a car from the path of the flames; Jack Cornelisen, a crew member of the tug Oneonta, misjudged the distance to the dock at 16th Street because of the smoke, fell into the river and drowned.

Miraculously, no one died in the fire itself.

BEFORE THE EMBERS had cooled under the light blanket of snow that fell that afternoon, Astorians were beginning the task of rebuilding.

"Phoenix-like, Astoria is unfolding her wings to arise from a couch of flame with a greater and more splendid glory," a front-page editorial in The Morning Astorian claimed grandiloquently Dec. 9.

By the fifth anniversary of the great fire of 1922, the Astoria Evening Budget could brag editorially that what had been a "desolate waste of ashes and embers, twisted steel and crumbled brick" now was "covered with modern, fireproof structures" and a business district "such as few cities in America can boast."

The Evening Budget's fire anniversary edition, Dec. 8, 1927, carries a list of buildings that had been constructed since the great fire. The list covers 26 column inches. It contains the names of 98 new buildings, almost all of them built within the fire zone.

Many of the burned-out businesses had set up shop in temporary quarters within a week of the fire. Some rented empty buildings on Astor Street, which once had been the center of the bustling city's red light district. Others opened shop along Exchange Street.

Although all five theaters had burned down, the Blue Mouse Theater moved into leased quarters on the top floor of the Lovell Auto Co. building by Dec. 15 and showed its first post-fire movie on Christmas Day: "Tess of the Storm Country" with Mary Pickford.

THE BEE HIVE Department Store, one of the first buidings to burn in the fire, advertised in the Dec. 14 Evening Budget that it was open at Eighth and Astor and "stocks of merchandise are on the way."

Work began anew on what was to become the John Jacob Astor Hotel, which had been under construction when the fire broke out

The charred wooden pilings and rubble were cleared, the area was filled and new wider streets were built. The Astoria city government spent about $2 million on public works projects in the five years after the fire, the Evening Budget reported. Almost all of that was for reconstruction in the fire zone.

Today, 60 years to the day after the great fire — as it is still known to Astorians — few signs of it remain.



Andrew Olsen



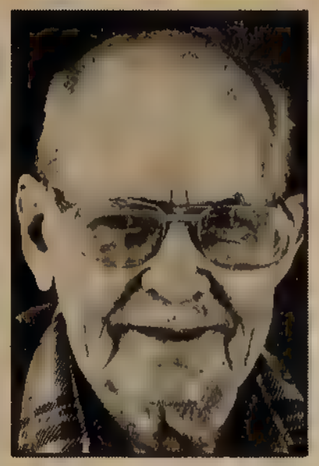
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The origin and cause of the fire are still a mystery.

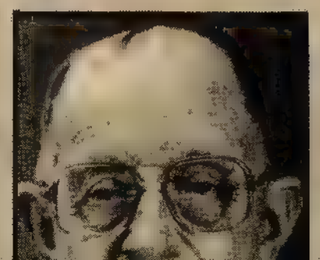


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After the fire, "the town went downhill."



Marvin Belcher





flames shooting skyward.

"I was due to go to work (at the post office) at 6 a.m., but I rushed down to help move equipment and mail," he recalled. The fire stopped just short of the Eighth Street post office.

Olsen was too busy at the post office to go into the fire area that day, and by the time he could the area was being sealed off against looters. He recalls that the streetcar system, then operated by Pacific Power & Light Co., was destroyed throughout the burned-out area, never to be rebuilt.

After the fire, "the town went downhill," Olsen said. "Much of the business just ended right there. The older residents pulled together, but the new people took off when they couldn't get jobs. Any fire like that makes it pretty tough on a lot of people."

Native Astorian Ed Ross, a retired executive, was 18 and a Boy Scout patrol leader at the time of the great fire. He remembers it vividly.

Ross recalls awakening to a "horrible screeching" early that morning — the sound of fire engines heading to the fire over Bond Street (Marine Drive didn't exist then).

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cities in America can boast."

The Evening Budget's fire anniversary edition, Dec. 8, 1927, carries a list of buildings that had been constructed since the great fire. The list covers 26 column inches. It contains the names of 98 new buildings, almost all of them built within the fire zone.

Many of the burned-out businesses had set up shop in temporary quarters within a week of the fire. Some rented empty buildings on Astor Street, which once had been the center of the bustling city's red light district. Others opened shop along Exchange Street.

Although all five theaters had burned down, the Blue Mouse Theater moved into leased quarters on the top floor of the Lovell Auto Co. building by Dec. 15 and showed its first post-fire movie on Christmas Day: "Tess of the Storm Country" with Mary Pickford.

THE BEE HIVE Department Store, one of the first buidings to burn in the fire, advertised in the Dec. 14 Evening Budget that it was open at Eighth and Astor and "stocks of merchandise are on the way."

Work began anew on what was to become the John Jacob Astor Hotel, which had been under construction when the fire broke out.

The charred wooden pilings and rubble were cleared, the area was filled and new wider streets were built. The Astoria city government spent about $2 million on public works projects in the five years after the fire, the Evening Budget reported. Almost all of that was for reconstruction in the fire zone.

Today, 60 years to the day after the great fire — as it is still known to Astorians — few signs of it remain.

But in the minds of Astorians old enough to have lived through it, the mention of the great fire is occasion for a tale or two.

Marvin Belcher was 15 at the time. He recalls being awakened in his upstairs room in a house on Fourth and Astor streets early the morning of Dec. 8 by the clatter of fire trucks. "My room was filled with red light from the flames," he said. "Boy did I jump out of bed. I tore off as fast as I could go — I had always chased fires."

No one stopped him, so he went straight to the center of the action, near the old Thiel Bros. pool hall, generally believed to be one of the places the fire may have started.

WHILE BELCHER STOOD on the sidewalk under the overhang of the building's second floor, a tremendous explosion rocked the night, shattering the building's windows. "All those windows on that building crashed down right in front of me. Scared the devil out of us. The explosion was ammonia tanks (used in refrigeration) in a meat market down the street."

The 75-year-old Fernhill resident believes that, despite the devastation, the fire might have been the best thing that could have happened to Astoria, because it rid the town of the dangerous wooden understructure on which the business district was built and forced the city to rebuild.

The fire is blamed by many for a steep drop in Astoria's population — which stood at 14,027 in 1920 but had fallen to 10,349 by 1930. Belcher said another 1922 fire, at the Hammond Lumber Co. in Alderbrook, had a much greater impact.

THAT FIRE, WHICH broke out Sept. 11, 1922, destroyed a sawmill that had employed 600 people. Damage was estimated at $700,000 to $1 million. The mill was never rebuilt and the loss of those jobs "really hurt Astoria," Belcher said. "The people that worked downtown, I don't think they were out too long. Most of the businesses were back in business again almost as fast as they could be."

Andrew Olsen, a retired Astoria post office employee, was 30 at the time of the fire. The blast that shattered the pool hall windows above Belcher's head may have been what awakened Olsen that morning. From his house at 32nd and Harrison streets he saw the engines heading to the fire over Bond Street (Marine Drive didn't exist then).

The origin and cause of the fire are still a mystery.



Oregon Historical Society photo

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220 businesses in a 28-block area were consumed.

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He and other Boy Scouts spent most of those first three days serving as messengers, guarding records and acting as runners for Fire Chief Charles Foster, Ross said. For his help, he was given a gold medal by the chamber of commerce, one of three Boy Scouts so honored, he said.

Ross believes the business community never fully recovered from the fire, although part of the reason was the effect of the Hammond mill fire and the fact "Astoria always has been a war town." During World War I, Astoria was booming because of shipbuilding and because Fort Stevens was "fully manned," he said. "It wasn't until World War II that we expanded back to a population that probably was about the same as the population (in 1922)."

Federal auditors investigate disastrous salmon season

11-10-82



Salmon troller Norm Green, left, testified about discrepancies between quotas and actual fish landed to the General Accounting Office auditing team members Rod Conti and Dorlene Bleha in last Thursday evening's meeting.

A delegation from the General Accounting Office heard Astoria-area fishermen bitterly criticize the management that led to a disastrous 1982 salmon season.

The three federal investigators held the Astoria public meeting as the third of a series of hearings on the Oregon Coast concerning salmon management.

Congressman Les AuCoin had requested the GAO audit after being swamped with protests about early salmon closures and low quotas.

The GAO is specifically investigating the Oregon Production Index (OPI) which is used by state and federal agencies as a management tool to estimate the size of coho runs.

Astoria fishermen didn't think much of the OPI or the management that relied on it.

"The OPI is a joke," said Astoria charterboat operator Gene Itzen. He has operated a 48-foot charter boat since 1957. He presented several economic consequences of the early closures in 1982

"A disaster occurred this year and was called our fishing season," Itzen said. He outlined the economic impact of the charter business in the local economy. Charter operators lost the whole month of August, Itzen said, and that cost to the community was $118,084 per day.

Itzen told the commission that August was his highest volume month In the last 11 years he averaged 28 fishing days out of the 31-day month.

"Haven't we earned the right to fish in our usual and accustomed place?" Itzen asked the auditors.

Russ Bristow told the fishermen present that he is the new natural resources advisor to State Senator Charles Hanlon. He urged fishermen to voice their legislative concerns to him so he could take them to the senator.

Bristow also warned the group of the impact of new policies in the Bonneville Power Administration. "Keep on top of BPA, or you won't have any fish," Bristow said.

He urged the different user groups "stick together to get a good comprehensive program."

"If you don't take the opportunity now to see that it's taken care of," Bristow warned, "you can yell your fool heads off and it won't do any good."

William Puustinen said the capacity for the Columbia River to support the salmon resource has never been accurately measured.

He said the history of commercial packs is not an accurate indicator because for years the commercial pack merely skimmed the best part of the run, which was relatively small

Don Hedges, president of the Ilwaco Charterboat Association, told the auditors how the town of Ilwaco had been devastated by the salmon closure. "People used to line up three blocks to the boat lift," he said.

He named several stores that have gone out of business, as well as boat operators. "The people of the community have borne the brunt of it," he said.

Ray Alt, president of the Oregon Charter Boat Association criticized the OPI and the management decisions that resulted from it. "The OPI relates only to coho," he said. "It depends on the jack count of the year before." Jacks are early returning coho.

Alt said the rapid filling of the fish quotas should have indicated a larger fishery stock than was estimated. Fishermen asked the fisheries commissions to take the rapid catch into account, but "they wouldn't budge."

Alt suggested that the director of the Washington Dept. of Fisheries, Rolland Schmidt, may have been intimidated by the threat of suit from Indian user groups.

Alt said management agencies were asked to give a 5-day to 1 week notice before a season closure, but they wouldn't. He told of customers arriving from Phoenix on August 2, the day after the season closed.

"You would think that when we give up the main half of the season, someone else would benefit," Alt said He saw no benefit to other user groups, except perhaps a small benefit to gillnetters. "And the gillnetter's benefit was insignificant compared to our loss."

Alt said when the season was cut to 60 percent, a charter operator doesn't make less, he doesn't make anything. He said he had to borrow money to pay his bills this year.

Jon Englund, owner of Englund Marine Supply store, said "To call the seasons chaotic would be a vast understatement. It's a pathetic mess."

Englund told the auditors that his business served charter, gillnet and troll user groups and that all had suffered.

Englund asked for more communications from the management agencies. "This year we won't know what the season is until three or four weeks in advance," he said.

"If I ran a business the way they manage the resource, I wouldn't be around long," he said.

Jackie Proust, wife of a salmon troller, said this year her husband had

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Opinion

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the students of Warrenton Grade School, I want to express appreciation to the parents of the P.T.A. who worked hard to put on the Halloween Carnival. The purpose of the activity was not to raise money but to provide Warrenton children of all ages wholesome Halloween fun. This was done admirably and inexpensively. We all look forward to next year.

Bernard LaCasse, Principal

Gentlemen:

Diking District 14 and the property owners on the John Day River object to the concept and practice of mitigation in the form of the breaching of dikes and the removal of tidegates. If necessary, we will fight any such attempt on the John Day River.

In addition, we should like to point out, CREST can not guarantee any beneficial results from taking such action. All other means of estuary enhancement should be explored to offset the effects of dredging and filling as provided for by law.

John Day Diking Dist. 14
Supt. Mary Larsen
Sec. Virginia Beemer

• Fish

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to fish harder than when he was younger. She said fishermen weren't making their home mortgages or boat payments and taking more chances during the shorter seasons.

"I am frankly damn sick and tired of it," she said.

Jim Walling, owner of the Rivershore Motel, said this August was the worst August in 14 years. He said local motel owners estimated a $100,000 in lost revenues this August.

Carl Finley, a salmon troller from Westport, Washington asked the auditors to consider the effect of manipulation of the Washington hatcheries on the OPI. Finley said several years ago the Washington Department of Fisheries changed hatchery stocks to release the north-turning Cowlitz river stock, instead of the south-turning Toutle River stock.

Finley said although the change was made to benefit Washington fishermen, the general consensus is that it harmed them because it resulted in an inferior fish.

Warrenton troller Norm Green said the hatcheries were overflowing in spite of the quota system. He complained he was not allowed to troll for fish that he could have sold at $1.40 lb. when the same fish ended up being sold as hatchery surplus for 50 cents or even 5 cents a pound.

Green also pointed to discrepancies between the announced quota and the actual count of fish delivered.

"We can't afford to give away any more fish," Green said.

"[illegible] It's impossible for the guys that are trying to buy a boat and make a living."

Jim Bergeron, the OSU fisheries extension agent, suggested the management agencies supplement their information with electronic fish finding methods of the dragger fleet.

GAO auditor Ray Conti said his committee will brief Congressman AuCoin around the first of March. "Hopefully we'll be able to have some impact in Congress, but it's difficult to say," he said.

Demo Derby, Rodeo reach agreement

The dispute over the use of the Clatsop County Rodeo Grounds for the Demolition Derby has been settled, according to Joe Bonner, promoter of the Derby.

Bonner said the Rodeo Association has agreed in principle to lease the arena to promoters of the demolition derby for a series of events next year.

The parties agreed to a multi-use concept on an annual basis. Bonner said the arena would be remodeled, enlarged and an oval track for jalopy class race cars would be built in addition.

"I'm delighted that we have come to an agreement," Bonner said. "The members of the county are the real winners of all this."

Bonner said there could be ten to twelve events at the Rodeo Grounds next summer. The tentative season opener is set for May.

The area will be cleaned promptly after each motor sports event, Bonner said. The entire arena will be drug and will be walked behind the drag.

The dispute between Bonner and the Rodeo Association erupted when former Rodeo Association president Don Metz told Bonner that they couldn't use the area again unless they completed repairs and installed a heavy fence around a livestock holding area.

There was a delay in cleanup after the final motor event last summer, and Rodeo Association members were disturbed by the glass and metallic debris left in the area .

Bonner had asked the county commission to cancel its lease with the Rodeo Association, but the commission declined to do so after hearing complaints from the Rod Association.

Mary Reynolds, wife of Lyr Reynolds, now president of the Rod Association, said the Association ca "live with" the agreement.

Horseback events will be he around motor events that are expecte to tie up the arena for tw consecutive weekends. Reynolds sa the second weekend would be f cleanup.

Bonner said the agreement gives th Rodeo Association 12 percent of th gross ticket sales, but no pit gate c concessions.

"Everybody concerned will b better off if they do their thing and w do our thing," Bonner said.

Les Newton re-elected

Warrenton voters returned incumbent Les Newton to the city commission, but narrowly favored George Cooper over two-term commissioner Rod Gramson.

Newton will serve another four-year term on the five-member panel. He defeated Ethel Sparks 545-349.

Cooper upset Warrenton native Rod Gramson, 471-416. Gramson had served eight years on the commission. Cooper moved to Warrenton a few years ago and had served on the Grants Pass City Council. He was previously in the service here during WWII.

The Commission elects the mayor from among its members at tthe first meeting each year. Newton has been mayor since 1975.

Dukes edges Westerberg

Joan Dukes defeated incumbent Bob Westerberg to become Clatsop County's first woman County Commissioner.

Dukes, a democrat, is the county's elections deputy. She edged Bob Westerberg by 211 votes in the 3-way

Warrenton Municipal Court

Bail Forfeiture 11-1-82

Charles S. Hagler, 33, d.o.b. 12-24-4 Canby, Or., exceeding maximum speed, bail forfeited: $55.

Court 11-3-82

Larry W. Atkins, 19, Warrento expired vehicle license fine: $14.

Dale A. Gardener, 22, Seaside exceeding maximum speed, fine: $2

Heidi L. Kelly, 23, Warrenton, operator's license, fine ; an disobeyed stop sign, fine $15.

William F. Bauman, 19, Warrento violation of basic rule, fine: $45.



'Test' warning issued

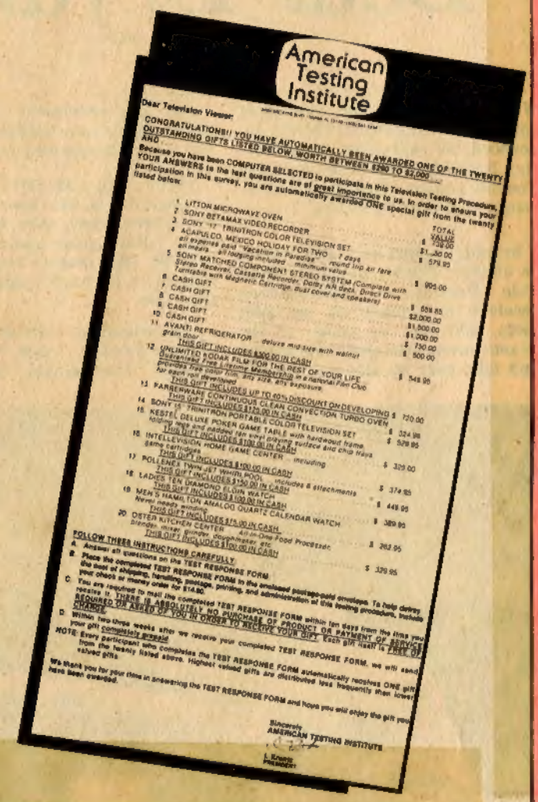
SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The state Department of Justice is warning Oregonians to be cautious of promotional material received from American Testing Institute of Miami.

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer said Tuesday the Consumer Protection and Services Section has confirmed that the Miami postal inspector has filed a civil complaint against the company alleging mail fraud, postal lottery fraud and misrepresentation.

The promotional material says, "You have automatically been awarded one of the 20 outstanding gifts listed below worth between $260 and $2,000." Individuals are asked to complete a response form and forward $14.80 to "help defray the cost of shipping, handling, postage, printing, and administration of this testing procedure."

The list of gifts includes microwave ovens, cash gifts of $2,000 and unlimited film "for the rest of your life." Postal authorities indicate that this "free film" is the item generally received. After forwarding their $14.80, participants receive a coupon book good for one free roll of film when they pay to have a roll processed by specific out-of-state photo labs.

Frohnmayer said people should beware of offers that are too good to be true. "There is usually a catch," he said. "Unfortunately, it is the consumer who falls victim to the headlines and is caught investing money in an unrealistic dream."


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5.	SONY MATCHED COMPONENT STEREO SYSTEM (Complete with Stereo Receiver, Cassette Recorder, Dolby NR deck, Direct Drive Turntable with Magnetic Cartridge, dual cover and speakers)	$ 995.00
6.	CASH GIFT	
7.	CASH GIFT	
8.	CASH GIFT	$ 509.85
9.	CASH GIFT	$2,000.00
10.	CASH GIFT	$1,800.00
11.	AVANTI REFRIGERATOR - deluxe mid-size with walnut grain door	$1,000.00
12.	UNLIMITED KODAK FILM FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE (Refrigerate Film - Storing More Than Necessary) - a personal Fun Club for each of your family members - any style, any exposure. THIS GIFT INCLUDES $300.00 IN CASH	$ 730.00 $ 500.00
13.	FARBERWARE - THIS GIFT CONTAINS OUR CLEAN CONVECTION TURBO OVEN THIS GIFT INCLUDES $125.00 IN CASH	$ 348.95
14.	SONY 19" TRINITRON PORTABLE COLOR TELEVISION SET	$ 720.00
15.	KESTEL DELUXE POKER GAME TABLE with hardwood frame, chips, cards and dealers tray that slides out of the way. THIS GIFT INCLUDES $125.00 IN CASH	$ 324.95
16.	INTELLIVISION HOME GAME CENTER - including 5 cartridges THIS GIFT INCLUDES $100.00 IN CASH	$ 529.95
17.	POLLENEX Twin JET Whirlpool - including THIS GIFT INCLUDES $100.00 IN CASH	$ 329.00
18.	LADIES TEN DIAMOND 14 KARAT GOLD RING - includes 6 attachments THIS GIFT INCLUDES $150.00 IN CASH	$ 374.95
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		$ 329.95

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President



LITTLE INN — Ties to other small hotels have been formed by such lodging places as the Frenchglen Hotel, located on the edge of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Northwest innkeepers create promotion group

By SUZANNE RICHARDS
of The Oregonian staff

A new organization, Unique Northwest Country Inns, has been formed by a small group of Oregon and Southern Washington innkeepers who gathered recently at the invitation of Paul Schwabe, owner of the Channel House at Depoe Bay.

The new organization plans to produce a brochure with a description of each facility for distribution by the state and will promote themselves as an organization of small inns.

"We feel that we have included every place that fits our description of a small intimate inn," said Schwabe, chairman of the fledgling group. "If we have overlooked any we hope they will get in touch with us," he added.

Bill Hopper, owner of the Inn of the White Salmon at White Salmon, Wash., and Boyd Graves, owner of the Columbia Gorge Hotel at Hood River, also will serve on the steering committee.

Other member inns include Shelburne, Seaview, Wash.; Johnson House, Florence; Madison Inn, Corvallis; Tu Tu Tun Lodge on the Rogue River out of Gold Beach; Wolf Creek Tavern, Wolf Creek; Chanticleer Inn, Ashland; Steamboat Inn on the Umpqua River; Oregon Caves Chateau at Oregon Caves; Frenchglen Hotel, Frenchglen; Flying M Ranch out of Yamhill; Campus Cottage, Eugene and Romeo Inn, Ashland.

According to Oregon's state travel director, Shirley Eads, the state has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries from travelers looking for this type of lodging.

Other areas, such as Northern California's wine country, have formed similar groups. Some offer bed and breakfast, while others provide only lodging.

For more information on the Oregon-Washington inns write: Unique Northwest Country Inns, 4000 West Cliff Drive, Hood River 97031.

Subtle Piacentini leads by deed in mold of REAL millionaire

Millionaires come in all kinds of packages.

I once met one who was a big shot with the Hilton Hotel chain. But the trouble was he acted like it.

He told funny jokes, made big promises and chewed out the manager of one of his big-city hotels on the telephone while I listened . . . all for show.

His business card was inscribed simply "MILLIONAIRE" below his name.

The trick is to be subtly rich — a millionaire who doesn't brag about it, in fact, doesn't even talk about it.

Like John Piacentini, Portland's convenience store boy wonder.

Piacentini, 52, is a regular sort of guy.

Take him to a fancy restaurant high up in the city's tallest office building and what does he order? Pan fried oysters? Seafood Provencal? Chicken breast Monterey?

No; he settled for a cheeseburger (Swiss), French fries and a Coke.

The self-effacing Piacentini wears rumpled shirts and describes people and things as "neat."

He once ran for Congress, but he's much too nice a person to be a politician.

Piacentini is soft-spoken, not partisan. He leads, but quietly and mostly by example. Yet his accomplishments have been huge, his business successes immense.

He will tell you — but you have to coax it out of him — that if it hadn't been for his initiative in 1970 there might never have been a first-in-the-nation returnable bottle bill in Oregon.

Piacentini has lots of ideas like that. He thinks ideas are important.

He quit Safeway in 1960 because he didn't want to be promoted out of Oregon and opened his own grocery store in Portland. After struggling for two years, he introduced the convenience store concept, popularized in the Sun Belt, to Oregon.



Oregon portfolio
Charles Humble

Today, Piacentini is the head of a 101-store empire that will gross somewhere around $45 million this year. The idea made him a millionaire many times over.

Oregon residents apparently appreciate his Plaid Pantry stores, judging by 1982 sales, which Paicentini said are running well ahead of a year ago. Despite Oregon's economy, Plaid Pantry is planning a 10-store expansion this year.

In November, California voters will consider a bottle bill. If it is approved, 32 percent of the U.S. population will live with some form of the idea Piacentini proved could work.

Earlier this year, Piacentini came up with another idea — to create a set of stamps that would help revitalize Oregon's down-in-the-mouth reputation both outside and inside its borders.

He has distributed more than 3½ million stamps so far at a cost of about $20,000. The more successful the idea, the more it will cost him.

"I'm the first one to admit that it's not solving the (unemployment) problem," Piacentini said. "But with that many, it's got to do some good. Positive thinking plants a seed. Negative thinking feeds on itself."

He said the idea to print and distribute the stamps just popped into his head one day. He said no other state is using a similar promotional vehicle.

The set of nine stamps promote Oregon's ship repair, electronics, tourist, outdoor sports, agriculture, lumber, shipping, international trade and apparel industries with the tag line, "Oregon, a place to grow."

The stamps say nothing about Plaid Pantry. They avoid any of the state's well-known trademarks.

The upshot for Piacentini is that suddenly he is again an expert — similar to what happened when he offered to pay half a cent for returned bottles and cans to prove that a bottle return law would really work in Oregon.

It worked so well that Piacentini paid out $40,000 in about three weeks as his Plaid Pantry stores were flooded with 3.5 million returns. It got so hectic that then Gov. Tom McCall enlisted the Oregon National Guard to assist him in hauling the cans and bottles away.

"I became an overnight expert on litter," he said, much to the chagrin of the rest of the state's grocery industry.

"I'm glad I did it, though," he can say today. "It proved a point and the state is cleaner."

Piacentini plans to take his stamp promotion one step further when outdoor boards go up locally and in Florida. The space is being donated by Ackerly Communications Inc. Piacentini just has to provide the artwork for the boards at $700 apiece.

The local boards will say, "Lick a stamp, help a state," and the out-of-state boards will follow the theme of the stamps, "Oregon, a place to grow."

Piacentini is committed to the idea that community involvement pays off for business. "We are a part of the communities where our stores are," he said. "We have nothing else to sell."

To Piacentini, the stamp program has already been a success, but don't expect him to call a press conference to tell everyone about it.

That's not his style.